

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE TO THE GLORY OF GOD
IN GRATITUDE FOR THE LIFE OF**

**SHIRLEY ILENE WATSON
JANUARY 30, 1936 – NOVEMBER 29, 2025**



**CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
EUGENE, OREGON
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026**

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

The Carillon

The bells toll, one for each year of Shirley's life on earth

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Alex & Simon Sutton & Parker Miller

PRELUDE *Vocalise* – Rachmaninov Austin Bennett, Cello

WELCOME

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

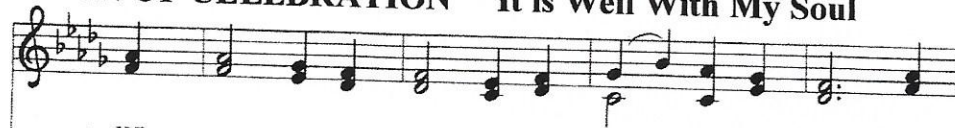
Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN OF CELEBRATION It is Well With My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,



GREETING & REMEMBRANCE

Mark Watson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Janet Watson

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister in Christ, Shirley. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

REMEMBRANCES

Bethany Sutton, Edna Faye Kiel, Foo Chok Pin

SOLO

Ave Maria - Schubert

David Gustafson, Tenor

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4:7-18

Pastor Nathan Sutton

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected

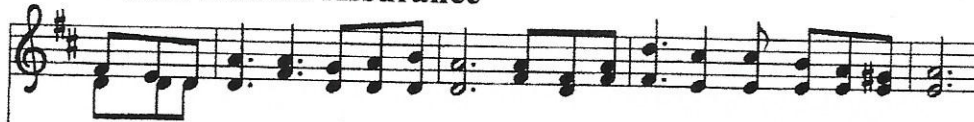
among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO *Panis angelicus (Bread of Angels)* César Franck
David Gustafson, Tenor with Austin Bennett, Cello

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1-4 Sammi Watson
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."
The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY Pastor Laurie A. Jones

HYMN #638 Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Eilene Anderson

LORD'S PRAYER

Malotte

David Gustafson, Tenor

MADONNA AND CHILD

Tammi Anderson

COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Shirley. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Dr. A. ElRay Stewart-Cook

The family would like to greet you at a reception in the Parish Hall following the service. Thank you, Solace Committee, for preparing this time of fellowship.

In Shirley's memory, please feel free to select and take home a Madonna and Child from the collection displayed at the reception.

Participants in today's service:

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

Pastor Nathan Sutton, husband of Bethany

Organist: Dr. A. ElRay Stewart-Cook

Cellist: Austin Bennett

Soloist: David Gustafson

Livestream Technician: Todd Shorack

Edna Faye Kiel, sister

Mark Watson, son

Tammi Anderson, daughter

Foo Chok-Pin, son

Janet Watson, daughter-in-law

Bethany Sutton, granddaughter

Sammi Watson, granddaughter

Eilene Anderson, granddaughter

Alexandra "Alex" Sutton, great-granddaughter

Simon Sutton, great-grandson

Parker Miller, great-granddaughter

