

**A Service of Celebration  
for the Life of  
Karen Sneed**

**January 15, 1953 — March 20, 2021**



**Friday, March 26, 2021  
2:00 pm**

**Grace University Lutheran Church  
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

*Congregational responses are in bold print*

## **GATHERING**

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### **PRELUDE**

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We gather to worship, to proclaim Christ beloved and risen, to remember before God our sister Karen, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Karen was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

Creating God, maker of heaven and earth, you formed us from the dust of the earth, and by your breath gave us life.

**We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, you rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life.

**We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, 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.**



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.  
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray,

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Karen. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion on 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. **Amen.**

## WORD

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### READINGS

Isaiah 58:11

Romans 8: 35-39

### GOSPEL

### HOMILY

Pastor Mary Halvorson

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*You Are Mine*

581 ELW



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
am the peace the world can - not give.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
 all will know my name. *To refrain*  
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*

*Refrain*

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I

love you and you are mine." *To stanzas 3 and 4*

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 Music: David Haas  
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YOU ARE MINE  
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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Modern Creed: United Church of Canada*

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of mercy,  
hear our prayer.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## SENDING

## COMMENDATION

Let us commend Karen Sneed to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

We remember, O merciful Savior, your servant Karen. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a beloved child 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.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Let All Things Now Living*

881 ELW



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 deeps of the ocean proclaim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners arc o'er us, God's light goes be -  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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## BLESSING

Let us go forth in peace,  
**In the name of Christ.**

## POSTLUDE

Pastor  
 Organist

Mary Halvorson  
 Stephen Self

*If you parked in the hospital parking ramp, please pick up a voucher from Pastor Mary or Jill or at the usher's table to exit the ramp for free.*

## OBITUARY

### Sneed, Karen K.

Age 68 of Minnetonka passed away March 20, 2021 from pneumonia. Preceded in death by parents Donald and Eldora Bertilson. Karen loved all things Minnesota sports, spending all day in the garden, and baking for holiday get-togethers. She was a wonderful mother, neighbor, and friend and was always willing to lend a helping hand. Survived by daughter Sara (Alex) Sneed Miller; siblings Robert Bertilson and Cheryl (Joe) Blais; special friend Terry O'Neill and many nieces, nephews and friends. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or the Parkinson's Foundation.



### *Some words from Sara:*

Mom, I owe much of who I am today to you. You inspired my love for baking and cooking and lefse turning, Minnesota Twins baseball, the Golden Gophers, and really all things sports. Growing up with you, I assumed it was normal to have a key to every house in our neighborhood and be on a first name basis with the mailman. You taught me that having dogs around would make me healthier (so much so that sometimes over Spring Break, we would have 10 dogs at our house so that they could be with someone who loved them rather than at a kennel), that chocolate is always better out of the fridge than at room temperature, and to think outside of myself — even when you were in the hospital, you were always checking on other people. You gave me my stubborn and frugal streaks and an appreciation for Oldies music (always eager to challenge me to "name that song" first).

You are, and will always be, dearly loved and missed.

### MUSIC:

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