



*We would like to thank everyone  
for their love and support during this difficult time.*

*We realize how truly blessed we are to have  
such wonderful family and friends.*

*Your expressions of sympathy  
will never be forgotten.*

*All are warmly invited to gather  
immediately following the service for lunch  
and conversation in the church Fellowship Hall.*

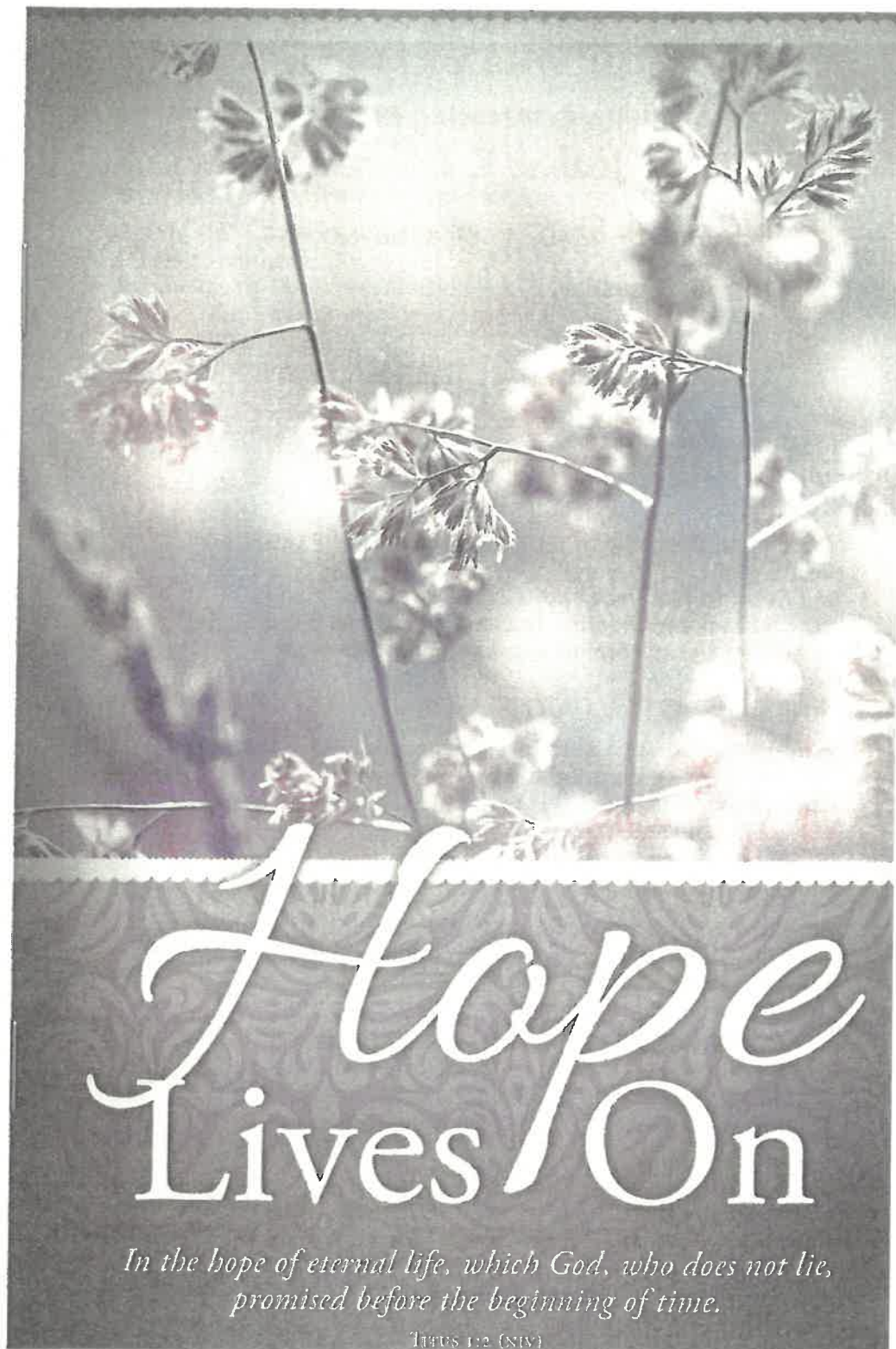
*- The Family of Joanne Oberg*



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# Hope Lives On

*In the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie,  
promised before the beginning of time.*

Titus 1:2 (NIV)

A Service Celebrating the Life of  
**Joanne E. Oberg**

Born: March 26, 1940 † Died: November 12, 2021

Thursday, November 18, 2021  
11:00 a.m.



**Prelude**

**GATHERING**

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

**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.

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

**Hymn**

**"Beautiful Savior"**

**ELW 838**

**vs. 1 soloist**

**vs. 2, 3 Congregation**

Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

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**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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God,  
source of all mercy and giver of comfort,  
graciously tend those who mourn,  
that, casting all our sorrow on you,  
we may know the consolation of your love;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**WORD**

**Reading**

**Matthew 11:28-30**

**Reader: Andy Stein, Grandson**

*Jesus said ...* "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying  
heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you,  
and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you  
will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my  
burden is light."

Word of God, Word of Life  
***Thanks be to God***

**Poem**

**Remember Me - Author Unkown**  
**Reader: Taylor Kulger, Granddaughter**

Remember me with smiles not tears,  
for all the joy through all the years.  
Recall the closeness that was ours,  
a love as "sweet" as fragrant flowers.  
Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain,  
we'll see each other once again.  
I am at peace ... try to believe,  
It was my time ... I had to leave.  
But "what a view", I have from here,  
I see your face, I feel you near.  
I follow you throughout the day,  
you're not alone along the way.  
And when God calls you ... you will be,  
right by my side ... right here with me.  
Till then, I'll wait by heaven's door,  
we'll be united ... evermore!

**Reading**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**  
**Reader: Logan Kugler, Grandson**

For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones,  
and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

**Word of God, Word of Life**  
**Thanks be to God**

**Reading**

**Psalm 23**  
**Reader: Jeff Stein, Grandson**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

**Word of God, Word of Life**  
**Thanks be to God**

**Time for Memories**

**Susan Miller, Daughter**

**Special Music**

**"Amazing Grace"**

**Soloist**  
**ELW #779**  
**vs. 1, 3, 5**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John,  
*Glory to you, O Lord.*

**Gospel**

**John 14:1-6, 27**

*Jesus said ...* "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord  
*Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Meditation**

**Pastor John Snider**

**Hymn**

**"On Eagle's Wings"**

**ELW 787**

**vs. 1, 2 soloist**

**Refrain: Congregation**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain**

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

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**Prayers of Intercession**

Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,  
"I am the resurrection and the life."

*Petition response:*

**Pastor:** ... God of mercy,  
**People:** hear our prayer.

**Special Music**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**SENDING**

**Commendation**

**Benediction**

**Hymn**

**"How Great Thou Art"**

**ELW #856**  
**vs. 1, 3**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

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**Sending**

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

**Postlude**

