

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the*

Lord,

which made heaven and earth.

PSALM 121:1-2

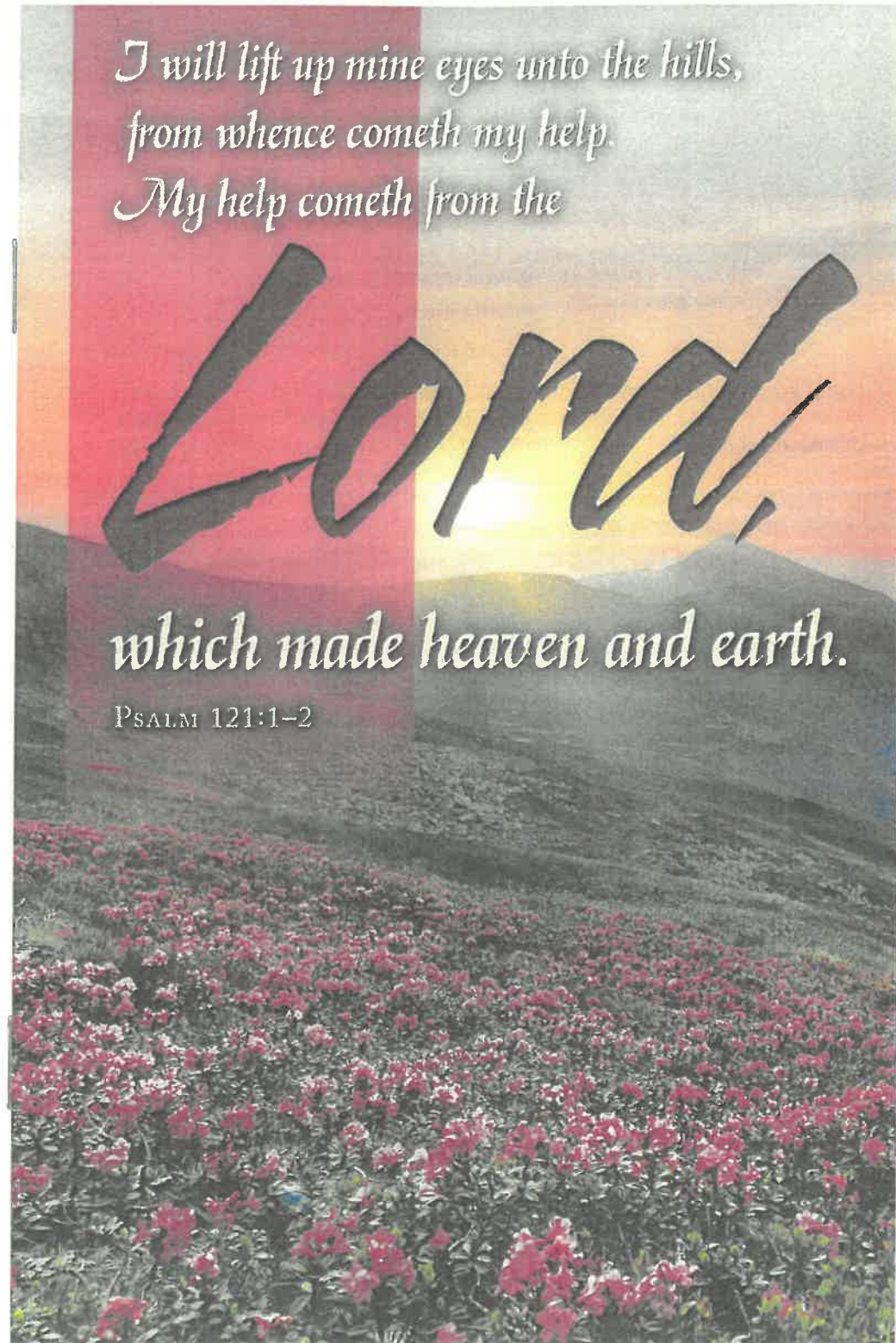


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A Service Celebrating the Life of
Ruth Ann Stai

Born: May 17, 1928 † Died: August 29, 2020

Tuesday, September 8, 2020
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 Ruth Ann,
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, Ruth Ann was clothed with Christ. In the day of
Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW 838
vs. 1, 2

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.

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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

John 3:16

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so
that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may
have eternal life.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Reading

Psalms 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
3 he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
4 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.

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6 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

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

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

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 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? 3 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. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 27 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**

Hymn "Borning Cry" **ELW 732**

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your boding cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

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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.

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Commendation

Benediction

Hymn

"On Eagle's Wings"

ELW 787
vs. 1, 2

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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Sending

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

Postlude



*We would like to thank everyone for their love and support.
We realize how truly blessed we are to have such wonderful
family and friends. Your expressions of sympathy
will never be forgotten.*

The Family of Ruth Ann Stai