## A Celebration of Life Cynthia Lee Knutson



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Richfield United Methodist Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

## Cynthia Lee Knutson February 7, 1973—February 3, 2024

Prelude

"Jesus Loves Me" Sonja Gustafson, organ arr. Fred Bock

Words of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Nate Melcher

Gathering Hymn\*

"Amazing Grace"

UM Hymnal 378

- 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.
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 6. 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.

**Centering Prayer** 

Psalm 23 (unison)

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will 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 runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD

Forever.

"Love Can Build a Bridge"

Rev. Max Richter, soloist

Scripture in Context

Solo

Scripture Reading 1 John 4:7-9, 16-19 Jim Aswegan

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's only Son was sent into the world so that we might live through him.

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 God 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. We love because God first loved us.

The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Meditation Rev. Nate Melcher

Witness Lisa Lusk Lisa Haugen

Rev. Ruth Phelps

by The Judds

"On Eagle's Wings" Solo by Michael Joncas Brad Gardner, soloist

Congregation, please join in on the refrain.

And God 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 God's hand.

Prayer of Commendation

Sending Song "Sanctuary" from Nashville

by Andrews, Nicholson, and Siskind

Benediction

"Beautiful Savior" Postlude by Charles W. Ore Thank you for gathering to celebrate and remember our dear friend, Cynthia, today. Her family expresses their heartfelt gratitude for your prayers and support. Memorials are preferred to the cause of our choice, thank you.

Interment will be immediately following the service at Oak Hill Cemetery, 5901 Lyndale Áve S. The cemetery is within walking distance, directly south of the church across 59th Street, exit the building using the south door.

All are welcome to join the family for a time of celebration, toasts, and to share and make memories following the service at 4:30-8:30pm at the Everett McClay VFW Post 1296 (311 West 84th Street, Bloomington, MN 55420)

Obituaries and Virtual Guestbooks: startribune.com/obituaries/detail/0000480213 gillbrothers.com/memorials/cynthia-knutson/5375205

This Celebration of Life is archived online at voutube.com/richfieldumc.

## We thank those who help make worship a ministry of grace:

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Musicians: Brad Gardner, Sonja Gustafson, Rev. Max Richter Officiant: Rev. Nate Melcher

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