

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Corinne Christopherson



July 30, 1929 to August 20, 2022

October 8, 2021 at 11:00 am

Elim Lutheran Church
Petaluma, California

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome and Prayer - Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson

Opening Song

"Day by Day" Performed by the Elim Choir

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 3:5-6

Reader: Kathy Matt

⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.

⁶In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Song

"Take My Life and Let it Be" ELW 685 Vs 1, 3

Psalm 23

Reader: Cynthia Griffith

Reader: ¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

All: ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

Reader: ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

All: ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; Your rod and your staff — they comfort me.

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

All: ⁶Surely 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.

Song

"Children of the Heavenly Father" ELW 781

Gospel

John 14:1-6

Reader: Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson

¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I

am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Homily - Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson

Song

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" ELW 733

Prayers

Leader: God of Mercy **All: Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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;
and 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

Commendation

Blessing and Sending

Closing Song

"Come Down O Love Divine" ELW 804 Vs 1, 4

Acknowledgements

Presided by:

The Rev. Kathryn Gulbranson

Musicians

Lauren Haile

Elim Choir

Readers

Cynthia Griffith, Kathy Matt

Please join us for refreshments and reminiscing
after the service in the Fellowship Hall



Corinne Elaine Christopherson

Corinne was born on July 30, 1929, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Her parents Ed and Gladys Christopherson, were both music lovers. Corinne grew up in St. Paul with a brother, Curtis, who was born in 1932. The family was active in the Lutheran Free Church.

At the age of seven, Corinne became hooked on opera after hearing "Romeo and Juliet". At 13 Corinne joined the St. Paul Civic Opera chorus becoming its youngest member! Her first musical job in her late teens was as a church soloist and quartet member while she also began work as an office typist.

After high school, Corinne attended the MacPhail School of Music in Minneapolis and began a life that combined singing with office work. Due to her severe allergy to ragweed, Corinne decided to move to California.

Several of Corinne's interesting jobs were, working in the Methodist Church Headquarters in San Francisco; as Assistant Executive Director for the Alameda City Housing Authority; co-owning and operating a print shop with a relative, and the State of California Industrial Rehabilitation Bureau.

Some of her favorite musical experiences were as soloist with Arthur Fiedler at San Francisco Symphony Pops and having roles in operas and musicals throughout the Bay area. Some of these were "Carousel," "Cavalleria Rusticana," "Gipsy Baron," "Merry Wives of Windsor," "Marriage of Figaro," and Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operas. She was a soprano soloist at an Oakland synagogue for 16 years and a soloist in Christian Science Churches for over 40 years.

One hobby that Corinne enjoyed was "Clowning." After attending a clown training camp she became a "caring clown" or "La La the Clown," visiting at Petaluma Valley Hospital, nursing homes, shut-ins, and Petaluma Senior Day Center with a puppet. She also led monthly sing-alongs for 15 years. She was also an avid reader, loved to paint, and used to make most of her gowns for singing.

She first attended Elim in 1990 and became a member of the choir. Corinne felt the presence and guidance of God in her life, and she felt blessed. She hopes to be remembered for her friendliness, her ability to cheer people up and make them smile.

Corinne's motto for her life is "Attitude determines experience."