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A Celebration of Life

Rosanna Leeson

August 6, 1946 to October 28, 2018

AS WE GATHER

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Today we gather in the valley. Grief rising on one side, pain rising on the other. The valley can be lonely, treacherous, and all-encompassing. I will fear no evil. Ahead lies a mountain, a mountain of hope. Joy and peace envelop all who pass through the valley and ascend the mountain. Today we make that journey to the mountaintop.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

CALLING ON GOD

PSALM 23

Pastor: In the name of the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.

Pastor: he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People: Even 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.

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

People: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Pastor: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN: “Nearer My God to Thee”

Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be: Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee!

Nearer, my Lord, to thee, Nearer to thee,
Who to thy cross didst come, Dying for me!
Strengthen my willing feet, Hold me in service sweet
Nearer, O Christ, to thee, Nearer to thee!

Nearer, O Comforter, Nearer to thee,
Who with my loving Lord Dwellest with me!
Grant me thy fellowship! Help me each day to keep
Nearer, my Guide, to thee, Nearer to thee!

But to be nearest still, Bring me, O God,
Not by the visioned steeps Angels have trod.
Here where thy cross I see, Jesus, I wait for thee,
Then evermore to be Nearer to thee!

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Rosanna and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

ANNIE'S TRIBUTE TO ROSANNA

ROSANNA'S LIFE IN PICTURES ([Music – I Can See Clearly Now](#))



I Can See Clearly Now

Lyrics to the song during the video

I can see clearly now, the rain is gone,
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me
blind
It's gonna be a bright (bright), bright
(bright)
Sun-Shiny day.

I think I can make it now, the pain is
gone
All of the bad feelings have disappeared
Here is the rainbow I've been prayin' for
It's gonna be a bright (bright), bright
(bright)
Sun-Shiny day.

Look all around, there's nothin' but blue
skies
Look straight ahead, nothin' but blue
skies

I can see clearly now, the rain is gone,
I can see all obstacles in my way
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It's gonna be a bright (bright), bright
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Sun-Shiny day.

Songwriters: Kenneth Gamble / Leon Huff
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EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-6

(Jesus said) "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

SONG OF COMFORT: *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

WORDS OF COMFORT

Pastor Lucke

PRAYER

Pastor: Father in heaven, give to the friends of Rosanna and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Receive our thanks for Rosanna and for all the blessings You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with her we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to life. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: “How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
The pow’r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

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

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”

Refrain

POSTLUDE





Rosanna Leeson, 72, of Philomath, Oregon passed away from pancreatic cancer on Sunday, October 28, 2018.

Rosanna was born in Louisiana and moved to California in her youth. She graduated from Los Altos High School and was one of the first members of the Model UN. She later moved to Oregon and worked at Wah Chang and Oregon State University. She also completed her degree at Oregon State University.

She is remembered as very kind and giving by those whose path crossed with hers. The neighborhood dogs knew to stop by for a treat and many kids that grew up in the neighborhood remember the house that gave out the full size candy bars on Halloween. We remember her generous spirit, her beautiful smile and contagious laughter.

Rosanna is survived by her husband Raymond, son David and daughter-in-law Joanna, daughter Annabelle, grandchildren Thomas, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Dominic, siblings Skipper, Rebecca, and Casey, and step-father Cyril. She is preceded in death by her mother Viola, father Jimmy, sister Diana, and son Jonathan.

Rosanna requested before her death that contributions be directed to youth organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Club, PYAC, Campfire or other extracurricular school activities of the contributor's choice.