



A Celebration of Life

ANN LOUISE LEAMER

December 27, 1943 – December 26, 2023

3:00 pm
February 10, 2024



ANN LEAMER

Ann Louise Leamer, of Redmond, Washington, passed away on December 26, 2023.

Ann was born in Vermillion, South Dakota to Vincent and Lois Montgomery on December 27, 1943. She grew up with her (very) identical twin sister Sue Wolken and younger brother Dave Montgomery. After graduating from Vermillion High School in 1962, she attended the University of Iowa, graduating with a degree in Mathematics, where she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, and a drummer in the all-female drum and bagpipe corps, The Scottish Highlanders. While she largely retired from her drumming career after college, she remained a devoted Hawkeyes fan for the rest of her life.

While still in university, she met Jerry Leamer from South Sioux City Nebraska on a blind date. The two would marry on December 26, 1965 and spend the next 58 years together, a journey that took them from New Jersey, to California, Washington, Indiana, Colorado then finally back to Redmond, Washington in 1987. This was their third and final move to the Northwest (which Ann truly loved) where they would remain for the next 36 years. Along the way they had two sons, Tony and Lance Leamer, born in 1967 and 1970.

In addition to being a devoted wife and mother, Ann also enjoyed a long career in operations and logistics management, including long stints at Genie Industries, Data I/O and Metawave, before retiring in 2001.

Ann deplored hot weather, spicy foods and wearing shoes. She loved sewing (mostly quilting), playing cards and other games with friends, and her family, perhaps mostly her grandchildren Derek, Kelsey and Olivia. She spent as much time with them as possible, creating lasting memories for each with ice skating adventures, living room concerts, and “Grandma’s Weekends” every holiday season. These featured botanical garden visits, movie nights and shopping trips to buy and donate Toys for Tots. She treasured every moment with the grandchildren and will be deeply missed by all of them.

In 2011, Ann suffered a near-fatal heart attack while on a walk, which left her without a pulse for eight minutes and which she survived through the kindness and competence of a family that happened to pass by, provide CPR and contact the amazing Medic One, an organization to which both she and her family were (and remain) eternally grateful and supportive.

Ann is survived and will be deeply missed by her husband Jerry, her sister Sue Wolken (Steve) and brother Dave Montgomery, her sons Tony Leamer (Sue) and Lance Leamer (Suzanne), and her beloved grandchildren Derek Leamer, Kelsey Leamer and Olivia Leamer.

*A Service of Thanksgiving and Praise to God
in Loving Memory of*

ANN LOUISE LEAMER

December 27, 1943 – December 26, 2023

P Pastor
R Reader
C Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

GATHERING

- P** 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 in Christ, Ann, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

Please stand.

HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister in Christ, Ann. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Please be seated.

REMEMBRANCES

Tony Leamer

ANTHEM

It Is Well with My Soul
Chancel Choir

[Horatio G. Spafford,
Philip P. Bliss]

PSALM 23

- P** The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
- C** **he leads me beside still waters;**
he restores my soul.
- P** He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
- C** **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.
- P** You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
- C** **you anoint my head with oil;**
my cup overflows.
- P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
- C** **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD**
my whole life long.

READING

John 14:1-3

[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.”

- P** Word of God.
- C** **Word of Life.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

P The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-7

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

WORDS OF COMFORT AND HOPE

Pastor Lara

Please stand.

HYMN

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

P Trusting in God's baptismal promises,
we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER


C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

THE COMMENDATION

P Let us commend Ann Leamer to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Ann. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN

Amazing Grace

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SENDING

P Let us go forth in peace.
C In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Following the service,
all are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall for a reception.

Worship Participants

Presiding Minister The Reverend Lara Forbes

Director of Music Ministries/Organist Dr. Will Simpson

Remembrances Tony Leamer

Audio/Visual Johannes Grad, Kurt Lutterman

Reception Support Team Janell Erickson, Linda Willenberg

Liturgy and Music:

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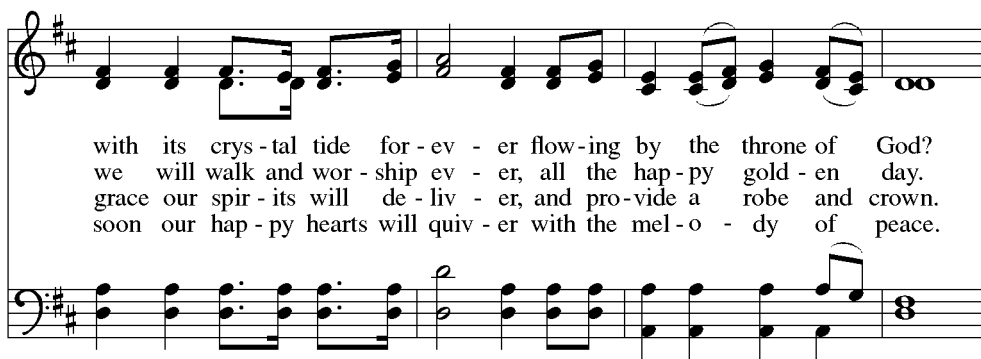
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1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;




with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.



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