

A SERVICE OF MEMORIAL

Gladys Joy Caughy

April 14, 1943 – August 28, 2009

September 2, 2009

10:00 a.m.

*Indicates to stand as able

PRELUDE

GREETING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

see insert

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of all comfort and consolation, in your unending love and mercy for us you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Be with us in this hour of prayer that in our sorrow we might know your compassion. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief to the peace and light of your presence. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for us conquered death, and by rising again restored life. Reassure us that after our life on earth we will be reunited with our brothers and sisters where every tear is wiped away. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 23

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

PRAYER – LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*LITANY OF DEPARTURE

Word of God, we affirm that you are the beginning and end of all life.

Risen Lord, help us to trust in your promise of life everlasting.

Lord God, you have promised that our lives will be changed and transformed.

Gentle Shepherd, death is hard to accept, but help us to understand that life's journey leads to you.

Source of all goodness, we give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed on Gladys in this life.

Gracious God, help us to recall the joy and warmth of our times together as we prepare to unbind Gladys and let her go free.

Lord Jesus, we recall your command to love and care for one another.

Crucified Lord, help us to understand that while we love, our love has limits and we cannot do everything we want.

God of all creation, strengthen us as we release Gladys into your hands.

Merciful Lord, help us to accept this parting and hold us in your love until we meet again.

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord: let them rest from their labors, for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace.

Amen.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING HYMN**

"The Old Rugged Cross"

see insert

CLOSING OF SERVICE†

† (Please be seated while the candles are extinguished, pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE



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