

A Service for a Daughter

By HIS Grace Church

A Fellowship of Celebration

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. – Psalm 118:24

We welcome ALL God's Children to come as they are and join in the celebration of Jesus' teaching no matter where they are in their journey of faith.

Hearts and Hands to God....

Welcome song Shout to the Lord & Glory Be

A Birth Certificate shows that we were born.

A Death Certificate shows that we died.

Pictures show how we lived our DASH between!

This celebration time is the time for us to share in the everlasting memories her mother, Mirta and step-dad Harry have of their loving daughter. The photos share with us a lasting mental picture of Kristin. We do this to honor all of the years that have led up to this day, and to comfort our souls in the years ahead. Our comfort comes as we remember the good, the love, and as we share that with one another. And the promise of our Lord, Jesus Christ who overcame the grave and promised us eternal life with Him. There was much love and laughter in Kristin's life. As a church we were blessed a number of times to have her celebrate with us.

In Truth we are about to lose sight of Kristin's space in our world and her sharing of what her world looked like. That is why we have pictures: to remind us. Kristin too was losing sight of what had been. As the body fades, the memory fades and we see only what is and what shall always be: the presence of Life. This too is Love, the recognition of Spiritual Perfection.

Luke 20:38 New International Version (NIV)

38 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all are alive. As Christians we have an uplifted view of life. Can we see as God sees? No, yet we strive to live and love as He has taught us. Can we see the Life Essence, Spiritual Being? Can we recognize the Truth: Life is Eternal!

The photos illustrate transformations of Kristin's body and life...yet throughout her life and transformations there is a continuity of her Spirit and Soul.

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, he who believes in Me, though

he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.”
John 11:15-26

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

This Celebration of Life, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend.

So, while we rejoice that Kristin has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with Mirta and Harry and all who mourn.

Prayer: Dear heavenly Father, we gather here today to remember the precious life of Kristin. We also gather to say goodbye one last time and celebrate the life that she enjoyed here on earth and thank you for each precious moment and memory that we have had with her. Her life has touched so many in so many different ways. We pray that your peace and presence will be upon us during this time and we pray this in the name your Son, Amen.

REFLECTION: Miss Me But Let Me Go

“When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room. Why cry for a soul set free?”

Miss me a little – but not too long, and not with your head held low
Remember the love that we once shared. Miss me – but let me go

For this is a journey that we all must take, and each must go alone
It’s all a part of the Master’s plan, a step on the road to home.”

Song of Remembrances: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2u1lJathUI>
Friends are Friends forever

Children’s lesson: In Heaven Forever

“And they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection.” Luke 20:36 (NIV)
In Heaven Forever from Sermons4kids.com

You know what a riddle is, don’t you? It is a word puzzle — a question that makes you think. Sometimes riddles are funny. I’m sure you have probably heard this one. “Why did the chicken cross the road?” The answer is, “To get to the other side.” Here are a few of my favorite riddles.

Q: Mary's father has 4 children; three are named Nana, Nene, and Nini. What is the fourth child's name?

A: Mary! (You may have to explain!) Mary's father!!!

Q: How many months have 28 days?

A: All of them! (Some may have 30 or 31, but all have 28!)

Q: What is full of holes but can still hold water?

A: A sponge! (You might show them one!)

Riddles have been around since the time of Jesus. Maybe longer than that. One day, Jesus was approached by a group of Sadducees — religious leaders who did not believe in the resurrection. They were trying to trick Jesus into agreeing that there was no resurrection. They asked him to answer this riddle: “The law of Moses says that if a man dies, leaving a wife but no children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother's name. Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children. So the second brother married the widow, but he also died. Then the third brother married her. This continued until all seven brothers had married the same woman. Finally, the woman also died. So tell us, whose wife will she be after the resurrection since all seven were married to her!”

My, that is a tricky riddle, isn't it? Listen to Jesus' answer.

Jesus replied, “Marriage is for people here on earth. But in the age to come, those who are raised from the dead will not marry or be married. Not only that, but they will never die again. They will live forever as the children of God.”

Jesus went on to say, “Even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ He is not the God of the dead, he is the God of the living.”

After Jesus answered their riddle so wisely, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Now, you and I know that Jesus promised us that if we love him and trust in him, we will live forever in heaven with him. Isn't it sad that some people do not believe there is a resurrection and eternal life in heaven? Oh, that reminds me of one more riddle!

Q. Why were the people in today's Bible lesson called Sadducees?

A. Since they didn't believe in the resurrection or the happiness of heaven, they

were "Sad, you see!"

Repeating prayer:

Dear Father, Dear Father' we are happy today we are happy today that you have promised us that you have promised us eternal life in heaven. eternal life in heaven Amen. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Amazing Grace my chains are set free With Kenny

Receiving of God's Tithes and offerings

Prayer over our Tithes and Our Offerings

O most merciful and gracious God,

from whose open hand we all have received much:

We ask you to accept this offering of your people.

Remember in your love those who have brought it.

Remember also those persons and purposes for which it is given.

So follow this sacrifice with your blessing that it may promote peace and good will, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray; Amen.

Doxology: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise HIM all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION, INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING:

Dear God, Today I was reminded of how many people are suffering through cancer. I have lost loved ones to this ravaging disease...and I am thankful they are with you because they were Christians, believers whose trust was in the Risen Savior. ("To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.") I have friends and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who are now facing that battle. Some will receive healing and more years on this earth. Others will receive permanent healing and be with you in heaven. I pray for each and every one, that you will give them abundant grace and mercy and blessings through it all. Lord Hear our prayer...

It is when we are weak, that we most recognize that you are strong. I pray for

relief from pain, for strength to endure, for joy and happiness in the journey. I pray for the sick ones and for their loved ones. This is an extremely emotional time...and a spiritual time. Carry them, Lord. May their lives and their testimonies shine for you everywhere they go. Thank you for the healing you bring. Thank you for being there. Thank you for loving. Thank you for meeting needs. May you receive glory and honor through it all. In the name of Jesus I pray. Lord Hear our Prayer...

For ourselves, our families and companions, and those we love. (whose names we now speak) Lifting our voices with all creation,
Let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God and through Christ.
Whose prayer opens the way to wholeness. Lord Hear Our Prayer. Amen.

BREAK & Pass the Peace

We greet those around us with a sign of peace (handshakes or hugs) and words like "The peace of the Lord be with you". Often answered "And also with you."
This ancient tradition is an appropriate response to the peace that God gives to those who hear and do his word

Hymn of Faith; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xuxbWutGtxs> Turn Turn Turn
Scripture reading

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.
– Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

One: This is the gospel of our Risen Lord

ALL: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Today's Lesson/Sermon

Song of Promise: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FX5X9SxRdT8> Bridge over troubled water

The Words of Institution

COMMUNION LITANY

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Invocation of The Spirit

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break
and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ
and with all who are baptized in His name

As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

We ask it in the name of our Crucified and Risen Redeemer – Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together -

“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, for ever and ever.
Amen.”

Invitation to the Lord's Table The gifts of God for the people of God.

All believers are invited to share the Lord's Supper.

THE SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS: After you have received the elements, please eat/ drink prayerfully at the time that seems right to you. Feel free to join in the prayerful singing of Communion with Kenny..

Prayer after Communion:

All Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life.

By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEPARTING PRAYER 1 Peter 1:3-4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose great mercy gave us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! The inheritance to which we are born is one that nothing can destroy or spoil or wither.

Pastor Grace: COMMISSIONING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

May the road rise to meet us;

May the wind be always at our back;

May the sun shine warm upon our face,

The rain fall soft upon our fields,

And until we meet again,

May God hold us in the palm of his hand. Amen

Gathering in the Sacred Circle

Congregational Benediction: “Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Amen.”

Announcements:

Prayer for the Fellowship meal. Bless us Oh Lord and these thy gifts which we are about to receive through thy bounty through Christ Our Lord, Full of joy and thankfulness, we say ‘Thank you Lord’ from the bottom of our hearts. We look at the food that has been prepared by loving hands, we look into the faces of those that love us and whom we love. Amen

Music for Fellowship meal is an assortment of music Kristin enjoyed.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=serV18MirGg> hit me with your best shot.
CANCER.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4GxUKYQ258> Copacabana

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q65KZlqay4E> God bless the USA

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=libNqwndtCE> Celia Cruz. La vida es un carnaval

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PIb6AZdTr-A> Girls just want to have fun

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PXSK3iDeAI&feature=related> courtesy of red white and blue

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_iXh_iwrwA Cuban national anthem

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pP2tmbkCt3M&feature=related> oye como va

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MRC8wNSpq4> forget you

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9oLbLs0iMXQ&feature=related> mami que sera lo que quiere el negro

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvyDWGF290M> the kinks

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imeXSRNRMeg> la negra tiene el tumbao

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zi_XLOBDo_Y billy jean

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFrGuyw1V8s> abba

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44oqk_BV-ek mi tierra

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QEDb3xzdec> crazy

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8v6cZ21vlc> conga

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWeCdxZIU5E> walking after midnight

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mlz-4nEPUqE> abba

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C95Cb2ByHNA> us air force

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zt1R8LQ5-LI&feature=related> guns and roses

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLffdV5yjLY> hablame de Jatibonico\

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u548DVdZe9k> por si a caso no regreso

Don't grieve for me Thresiamma Abraham

Don't grieve for me, for I'm free

I'm following the path God laid for me

I took his hand when I heard his call,

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy,
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow,
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wanted me now, He has set me free.