

Dear Family and Friends,

We are deeply grateful to have you join us to worship the Lord and celebrate His wisdom in calling Mom home to Himself! She would sure be pleased by how much she was loved by each of you here today!

As we come to the end of this part of our journey as a family we want you to know that your friendship has been invaluable to us. Jesus has shone through your kind words and acts of love, through your prayers and visits, and through your faithfulness as our brothers and sisters in Christ. In your unique ways, you've come along side us reminding us of our great God's faithfulness! Every visit, card, meal or treat meant so much to Mom and us as a family as you demonstrated how the body of Christ works to support and encourage one another, all to His glory. You are a wonderful gift to us from Him and we are so very thankful for you, although we know words cannot adequately express the depth of our appreciation.

While our family will not be the same, we are reminded today that this was never Mom's home. She's lived in the Atlanta area most of her life, but she's always lived like Abraham who, by faith, was looking for "the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God" (Hebrews 11:9,10). And now, at this very moment she is worshiping Jesus, her Savior and Lord, along with her Mother and Father, brothers, and sisters, and many other saints who have gone before in that new city. What more could we want for her?

Thank you for joining us today. We look forward to being with you at the reception immediately following this memorial service. We hope to hug many of you and offer our personal thanks. Know that we love you and are thankful for the way the Lord has used you in Mom's life and ours.

Dave, David, Karen, Tim, Lisa, spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A Worship Service Celebrating

Our Risen Lord

In the life of

Mary "Joyce" Kimsey Carlson



May 8th, 1931 - January 1st, 2018

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."

Psalm 116:15

**A WORSHIP SERVICE CELEBRATING
OUR RISEN LORD IN THE LIFE OF**

Mary “Joyce” (Kimsey) Carlson

January 6th, 2018 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Peter O’Neill, Officiating Pastor

Prelude “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” Pianist Sandra Clements

Congregation please rise as the family enters

Welcome Pastor Peter O’Neill

Call to Worship

Pastor: Come let us worship the Lord together.

People: We give thanks to You O God. We give thanks for Your name is near. We recount Your wondrous deeds.

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Pastor: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house ever singing Your praise.

***Hymn of Adoration**

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Chuck Taylor

Confession of Faith

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

ALL: My only comfort in life and death is this: That I am not my own but belong, body and soul in life and in death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven, in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

***Hymn of Response**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 16 Stephanie Varno (granddaughter)

Psalm 139:1-18,23,24 Jenny Ross (granddaughter)

Ministry in Music

“Rock of Ages” Wes Borden, Nate Carlson, Stephen Carlson (grandsons), Arno Kimsey (nephew)

New Testament Scripture Reading

John 14:1-7 Diana Carlson (granddaughter)

1 Corinthians 15 Skyler Stidams (granddaughter)

Chorus of Response

“Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know”

New Testament Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-58 Andrew Carlson (grandson)

2 Corinthians 4:16–5:10 Dan Carlson (grandson)

Testimonies of God’s Grace

***Hymn of Response**

“It is Well with My Soul”

Preaching of God’s Word Pastor Peter O’Neill

“Come to Jesus”

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

“Worthy is the Lamb”

Please join the family for a reception following the service in the fellowship hall.

**Sing all verses*