

+Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

+GRACE AND GREETING

Rev. Britt A. Skarda

+HYMN 92 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

LITANY

Rev. Belinda Price

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child.  
**Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

For Gwen who has labored long,  
giving of herself to build a better world,  
loving others, holding fast to her Faith in you!  
**Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

For the beauty of the Earth and sky and seas,  
the creatures who dwell therein,  
the sights and sounds of this life.  
For music, and laughter, and all that gives us joy!  
**Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

For God's sustaining Love that holds on to us through  
all of the Sunrises and Sunsets of our lives!  
**Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of love, we thank you  
for all with which you have blessed us even to this day:  
for the gift of joy in days of health and strength  
and for the gifts of your abiding presence  
and promise in days of pain and grief.  
We praise you for home and friends,  
and for our baptism and place in your church  
with all who have faithfully lived and died.  
We are grateful for Gwen,  
who blessed our lives and who now lives with you.  
Above all else we thank you for Jesus,  
who knew our griefs, who died our death  
and rose for our sake and who lives and prays for us. Amen.**

PERSONAL WITNESSES

Josie Lenora Efird,  
Rev. Judge Wendell Griffen, Wendy Lynne Efird

+HYMN 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

+GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-40

Rev. Price

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

Rev. Skarda

SPECIAL MUSIC "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND COMMENDATION

Rev. Price

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

THE 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,  
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 880 "The Nicene Creed"

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

*who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

+HYMN 711 "For All the Saints"

ARKANSAS NURSE HONOR GUARD

+BENEDICTION

Rev. Skarda

*Well done, good and faithful servant.  
You have fought the good fight. You have kept the Faith.  
You have finished the race. And the World is a far better place  
for having had you in it! Thank you! Thanks be to God!*

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE 143 "On Eagle's Wings"

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

+POSTLUDE

*Please remain standing as the family recesses. The family will  
greet friends in the Gathering Hall.*

*Clergy*

Rev. Britt A. Skarda  
Rev. Belinda Price

*Organist*

Dr. Frode Gundersen

*Soloist*

Stephanie Just

*Ushers & Altar Guild*

Kathy Roberts  
Sylvia Borchert  
Sunny Hawk  
Cher Dupuy

*Honorary Pallbearers*

James B. Argue Sunday School Class

# *A Service of Resurrection and Thanksgiving to God for Gwendolyn "Gwen" Jane Lapham Efird*



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*Love God, Love Neighbor, Change the World*

Little Rock, Arkansas

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