

In Memoriam

Cheryl Ann Cook
Servant of Jesus Christ
October 6, 1951 – March 26, 2008

I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will take me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

—Psalm 73:23-26—

A Dialogue Anthem George Herbert (1593-1633)

*Christian: Alas, poor Death, where is thy glory?
Where is thy famous force, thy ancient sting?*

*Death: Alas poor Mortal, void of story,
Go spell and read, how I have killed thy King.*

*Christian: Poor Death! And who was hurt thereby?
Thy curse being laid in him, makes thee accursed.*

*Death: Let losers talk; yet thou shalt die.
These arms shall crush thee.*

*Christian: Spare not, do thy worst.
I shall be one day better than before:
Thou so much worse, that thou shalt be no more.*



A Service of Worship, of Lament and Praise

For the glory of God and the consolation of his children

Monday, March 31, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Processional

"Death I Do Not Fear Thee"

(movement V in the motet "Jesus Priceless Treasure")

by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Death, death I do not fear thee, though thou standest near me,
Grave, grave I calmly spurn thee, though to dust thou turn me,
Strong in hope and faith!

Rising up and singing I shall heav'nward winging,
Soar, and vanquish death, and without death shall forever rest.
He that reigns will rend my chains.
Earth may vanish, heav'n may sever,
God is God forever.

Greeting

Lament of the heart from Psalms 6, 77, 102, Isaiah 38, Job 6 & 7

Prayer of lament

Turning

"A Song of Hope"

by John Foley (1985)

(sung by Greg Roig)

(Cheryl's note on her funeral instructions: "This song brought me much comfort and hope. I want it to do the same for you.")

God's call to worship him

Lamentations 3:16-24; I Corinthians 15:20-23



Song of joy

“I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art”
(Strasbourg *Psalter*, 1545)

The Power of the cross, the tenderness of Christ’s care

Matthew 8:14-17 (a passage we invoked on Cheryl’s behalf at the day of prayer and fasting we held for her and her family on August 29, 2007); Matthew 11:28-30
(*read by friend, Becky Mihelich*)

Song of comfort

“What Wondrous Love is This?”
(American Folk Hymn)

The contours of grace in the life of Cheryl Ann Theobald Cook

(*Read by Cheryl’s brother, Paul Theobald*)

Prayers for the Cook family

(*Mark Tucker, pastor, Old Orchard Church*)

The tolling of the bell

“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom....”
Psalm 90:12

Prayer

The overarching protection in the sovereign love of Jesus Christ

Romans 8:28-39 (*read by friend, Sharon Kern*)

Song of assurance

“Before the Throne of God Above”
by Charitie L. de Chenez (1841-1923)
See insert for song.

Letting go of the glory of the world that what is mortal may be swallowed up by Life

Poem: "Let Evening Come"
by Jane Kenyon (1947-1995)
(*read by friend, Bob Lowes*)

The Victory Party coming

Isaiah 25:1,4, 6-9
(*read by friend, Sue Randich*)

Song of longing

"Thou Lovely Source of True Delight"
by Kevin Twit (1999)
(See insert for song.)

The great defiant cry of believers against death's victory

Job 19:23-28
(*read by friend, Becca Skrainka*)

Song of faith

"Be Thou My Vision"
(Irish hymn, 8th century)

The Grace of Jesus Promised 700 years before he came

Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11

(read by friend, Dorothy Woodson)

¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,

² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,

³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called mighty oaks,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor....

¹⁰ I delight greatly in the LORD;
my soul rejoices in my God.
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness
and praise spring up before all nations.

The Preaching of the Word of God

“Wishing on the Moon, Waiting on the Lord”

(Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11)

(Ron Lutjens, pastor, Old Orchard Church)

Song of confidence

“In Christ Alone”

by Keith Getty (music) & Stuart Townend (words) (2001)

Benediction on the Cook family and all the people of God

Recessional

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

music arranged by J.S. Bach (1724)

words by Martin Janus (1661)

Jesu, joy of man’s desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashion’d,
With the fire of life impassioned;
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Through the way where Hope is guiding,
Hark—what peaceful music rings!
Where the flock in Thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty’s fairest pleasure,
Theirs is wisdom’s holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own
In the love of joys unknown.



After the recessional the congregation is free to dismiss on its own. The funeral will be followed by a brief graveside service for the family.

The Cook and Theobald families wish to extend their deepest appreciation to all of you for coming today to mourn the loss of their dear Cheryl and to celebrate her rich life and especially her homegoing. And words cannot express their gratitude to all who these past two years were prayers, helpers of all kinds and caregivers for Cheryl.

All the sung songs were chosen by Cheryl, and the readers by Cheryl and Bruce. Special thanks to the musicians who served Christ and us with their music today: organist, Jane Bogar; pianist, Marg Corey; violinist, Rebecca Donaldson; flutist, Kelli McKie; and soloist and musician, Greg Roig, Music Director at Old Orchard Church.

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Old Orchard Church
Cook Memorial
639 Amelia Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63119

Memorial gifts can be given in honor of Cheryl to the following:

Old Orchard Church
Bethany Christian Services
New Tribes Mission for the work of Jack & Isa Douglas
Campus Crusade for Christ for the work of Dawn Miller
Presbyterian Mission International for the work of Joel and Jessica Rinn
ALS Association
ALS Division of MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association)

The Wife of Noble Character

A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.
Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.
She brings him good, not harm,
 all the days of her life.
She selects wool and flax
 and works with eager hands.
She is like the merchant ships,
 bringing her food from afar.
She gets up while it is still night;
 she provides food for her family
 and portions for her women servants.
She considers a field and buys it;
 out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
She sets about her work vigorously;
 her arms are strong for her tasks.
She sees that her trading is profitable,
 and her lamp does not go out at night.
In her hand she holds the distaff
 and grasps the spindle with her fingers.
She opens her arms to the poor
 and extends her hands to the needy.
When it snows, she has no fear for her household;
 for all of them are clothed in scarlet.
She makes coverings for her bed;
 she is clothed in fine linen and purple.
Her husband is respected at the city gate,
 where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.
She makes linen garments and sells them,
 and supplies the merchants with sashes.
She is clothed with strength and dignity;
 she can laugh at the days to come.
She speaks with wisdom,
 and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
She watches over the affairs of her household
 and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children arise and call her blessed;
 her husband also, and he praises her:
"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."
Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
 but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Honor her for all that her hands have done,
 and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

—Proverbs 31:30-31

