



**A Witness
to the
Resurrection**



**To the Glory of God &
In Loving Memory of**

Doris Melrose Croasmun

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Northwood Presbyterian Church

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In Gratitude to God for the Gift of Life of Doris Melrose Croasmun

Saturday, July 20, 2019
11:00 a.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”
“In Thee Is Gladness”
“Salvation Has Come to Us”
“Rock of Ages”
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
“Shall We Gather at the River”

David Cherwien
David Cherwien
Anonymous
Diane Bish
David Cherwien
Robert A. Hobby

*PROCESSION

All stand as the family enters the sanctuary; the pastor says these words:

Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restored our life.
Christ will come again in glory.
As in baptism Doris put on Christ, so in Christ may Doris be clothed with glory.
Here and now, dear friends, we are God’s children.
What we shall be has not yet been revealed;
but we know that when he appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.
Those who have this hope purify themselves as Christ is pure.

VOLUNTARY

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

David Cherwien

WELCOME AND THE WORD OF GRACE

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and I am life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live,
and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.
I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I hold the keys of hell and death.
Because I live, you shall live also.

Chris Curvin, Pastor

*GREETING

We have gathered to celebrate the entry of Doris M. Croasmun into life eternal.
To affirm with praise and thanksgiving the goodness of the Lord.
Let us rejoice in his presence with us, in death as in life,
among those who mourn as with those who see him face to face.
**Our lips will shout for you, for his love is over all that he has made,
blessed be his glorious name forever!**

*HYMN #326

“For All the Saints”
(stanzas 1,3,5)

SINE NOMINE

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Eternal God, we bless you for the great company
of all those who have kept the faith, finished the race,
and who now rest from their labor.
We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you.....
Especially we thank you for Doris,
Whom you have now received into your presence.
Help us to believe where we have not seen,
trusting you to lead us through our years.
Bring us at last with all your saints into the joy of your home,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Psalm 121
Psalm 23 (*in unison*)

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

TIME OF SHARING AND REMEMBRANCE

SONG

“Count Your Blessings”
Chad Lovelace, Soloist

BLESSINGS

(all sing the refrain)
**Count your blessings—name them one by one;
count your blessings—see what God has done;
count your blessings—name them one by one;
count your many blessings—see what God has done.**

--Johnson Oatman, Jr. (1856-1904)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Romans 8:31-39
Revelation 21:1-7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MEDLEY OF FAVORITE HYMNS (*first stanzas only*)

“In the Garden”

**I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

--C. Austin Miles, 1913

“The Old Rugged Cross”

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.**

--George Bennard, 1913

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

--Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

“How Great Thou Art”

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

--Stuart K. Hine, 1953

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-3, 25-27

MEDITATION

Chris Curvin, Pastor

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess the faith of our Baptism.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*HYMN #250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

PROMISE

Obituary of Doris Melrose Croasmun

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory.
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

*COMMENDATION

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all.
We are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.
This you ordained when you created us saying,
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

**All of us go down to the dust;
Yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with all your saints,
Where there is neither pain nor sorrow nor sighing,
But life everlasting.
Amen.

*BLESSING

The God of peace,
Who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
make you complete in everything good
so that you may do God’s will,
working among us that which is pleasing in God’s sight,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever! Amen.

*DIRECTOR’S ANNOUNCEMENT

*RECESSIONAL

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
“Prelude on EIN’ FESTE BURG”

Gordon Young
Johann Walther

**Stand as you are able*

The family of Doris thanks you for the gift of your presence today and for every expression of kindness. Following the service, we cordially invite you to join us in the Christian Education Building for a time of fellowship and refreshments prepared by the Presbyterian Women of Northwood and the Kitchen Krew.

*Rev. Dr. E. Chris Curvin, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Paul D. Means, Associate Pastor
Tom Huffman, Associate Music Director and Organist
Stephen L. Allen, Guest Organist*

Doris Melrose Fowler Croasmun, 90, passed away on Saturday, June 8, 2019. She was born September 24, 1928 in West Virginia to Samuel Neptune and Alletta Fowler. Doris graduated from Bridgeport (WV) High School. She met her husband, Howard O. Croasmun, while she was working at a radio station in Clarksburg WV and he worked for Railway Express. Following a short courtship, they were married June 17, 1949. After moving several times while Howard was serving in the military during the Korean conflict and while he attended college at West Virginia Wesleyan in Buckhannon WV, they settled in Morgantown WV in 1954 where Doris worked as a bookkeeper and as a wife to Howard and mother to their older three children. She attended West Virginia University for a short time, taking classes in Education. After having two more children, she eventually began work for the Monongalia County School System as a Title I secretary, retiring in 1991. Doris was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Morgantown and held many offices including Worthy Matron, as well as serving as Mother Advisor to the Rainbow Girls. She was active in her children’s schools and served as a Cub and Brownie scout leader and 4-H leader.

Doris had many things she enjoyed doing including cooking and baking, sewing, gardening, knitting, crocheting prayer shawls for distribution with her sewing group at Northwood Presbyterian Church and, in later years, she loved to play Go Fish card game. Working on jigsaw puzzles, especially with her daughters and grandchildren was a fun activity for her. She also enjoyed traveling. She and her husband took their youngest girls on a cross county road trip seeing things like Mt Rushmore, Yellowstone Park and the Grand Canyon. Later she ventured out on her own, taking a cruise to Alaska with a friend, and enjoyed it very much.

After retirement, Doris and Howard moved to Jacksonville NC in 1991 before settling in Dunedin FL in 1992. She was a former member of the First United Methodist Church of Dunedin where she also served on the staff as Publications Secretary. She was a member of the United Methodist Women, holding leadership roles at both the local church and district levels. Later she became an active member of Northwood Presbyterian Church in Clearwater, the Presbyterian Women organization and the Serendipity Sunday School Class.

Doris was a member the Suncoast Newcomers Club in Dunedin as well as the Greenbriar Homeowners’ Association and Pinehurst Village Homeowners’ Association, holding offices in each.

She will be missed by her family and friends who will remember her beautiful smile and sparkling eyes. Over the last few years, while she was confined to her wheelchair, she still had a smile and gentle, loving words for others.

Doris loved being in service to others and spending time laughing and talking with all her friends and family. While at the Assisted Living Facility in Pensacola, she enjoyed helping to assemble the daily menus and the newsletters.

Her family would like to thank the staff at Manor Care of Dunedin for their loving care, including Nicole, William and Laura. Your loving care for Mom was always apparent, especially in her eyes and smile. Also, we would like to thank Suncoast Hospice for the tender care they provided for Mom and the family.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Howard Croasmun; her son-in-law, Peter Kehagias; and her grandson, Sean Gurr. She is survived by her sister, June Douglas, Bridgeport WV; and her children: Cindy Huffman (Tom), Dunedin; Linda Kehagias, Pensacola FL; Earl Croasmun (Anita), Cary NC; Janice Croasmun, Chapel Hill NC; Debra Lovelace (Chad), Pensacola FL as well as 9 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Contributions may be made in memory of Doris Croasmun to Northwood Presbyterian Church, 2875 State Road 580, Clearwater FL 33761 or to Suncoast Hospice, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd, Clearwater FL 33760, marked as Tribute Gift – Doris Croasmun.