

**A Service of Thanksgiving and Praise
for the Gift of Life of
Beverly Findlay
August 29, 2026**



A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
BEVERLY FINDLAY
APRIL 22, 1951 – AUGUST 11, 2026

Prelude

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

P In Holy Baptism Beverly was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

C **We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.**
Amen.

Romans 6:3-5

Hymn

I'm But a Stranger Here

LSB 748

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

²My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness to Beverly and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful to death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Scripture Readings

Lamentations 3:22-33

²²Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

²³They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him;

²⁶it is good to wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

- ²⁷ It is good for a man to bear the yoke
while he is young.
- ²⁸ Let him sit alone in silence,
for the LORD has laid it on him.
- ²⁹ Let him bury his face in the dust—
there may yet be hope.
- ³⁰ Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him,
and let him be filled with disgrace.
- ³¹ For no one is cast off
by the Lord forever.
- ³² Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,
so great is his unfailing love.
- ³³ For he does not willingly bring affliction
or grief to anyone.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

St. John 14:1-7

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a]; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told

you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know^[a] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Hymn

Beautiful Savior

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Message of Hope

Apostles’ Creed

- [P]** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- [C]** **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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church and Lord’s Prayer

- [P]** Let us pray ...
After each petition
- [P]** Lord, in Your mercy, **[C]** **hear our prayer.**
- [P]** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☩ 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 and ever. Amen.

St. Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4

Nunc Dimittis

☩ Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

St. John 11:25-26

☩ Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

St. Luke 2:29-32

Prayer

☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ And with your spirit.

☩ Let us pray. Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of a reunion with those who die in the faith and at the last a joyful resurrection to everlasting life. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend Beverly, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☩ Amen.

Benediction

☩ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

 Amen.

Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LSB 770

Postlude

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Beverly Jean Findlay was born on April 22, 1951 to Margaret and Henry Compter in New Jersey, passed away on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, leaving behind a family who will remember her for her curiosity, creativity, love of history, and the many stories she shared with those around her.

Much of her professional life was spent working as a secretary at Buckley Air National Guard. It was there that she became involved in a bowling league, where she met her husband, Ken Findlay. Through that shared experience, their paths crossed, their lives came together, and they began a journey they would share for years to come.

Education and learning were important to Bev. She began her college studies at Mary Washington College in Virginia and later graduated from Syracuse University in New York with a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies. She had a lifelong love of history and could often bring an interesting piece of the past into an everyday conversation. She was curious about the world and enjoyed sharing what she knew with others.

Her interests reflected her adventurous and creative spirit. She loved the creative arts and especially enjoyed making jewelry. Bev also loved cooking and

trying new recipes, often finding joy in creating something new to share with others. She had recently begun nature journaling, finding joy in observing and recording the world around her. She loved staying active, whether taking a walk or hike, attending a fitness class, or trying something new. She participated in theater, joined a belly dancing class and even gave tap dancing a try. Bev's faith was also an important part of her life. She was active in her church, loved singing in the Senior 88 choir, and cherished the time she spent in Bible study, where she continued to grow in her faith and deepen her understanding of God's Word. She loved to write and tell stories and was never shy about talking with people. She genuinely enjoyed learning about others, sharing her own experiences, and making meaningful connections wherever she went.

She is survived by her brother, Henry Compter of Lakewood, Ohio; her daughter, Kristine Findlay of Arvada, Colorado; her son, Kenneth T. Findlay of Oregon; her grandson, Richard Hartman; her granddaughters, Kelsi and Bo Hartman and Samantha and Ellie Findlay; and her great-granddaughters, Quinn, Karter, Sloane, Kolbi, and Drew Davis.

Her memory will live on in the stories she told, the things she created, the knowledge she shared, and in the many lives she touched simply by being herself. She will be deeply missed.

