



*Shirley Anne Spears*  
*September 5, 1929 - November 24, 2020*

# ***A SERVICE OF WORSHIP***

IN WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

With Praise and Thanks to Almighty God

for the Life of

***SHIRLEY ANNE SPEARS***

September 5, 1929 – November 24, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

12:00 p.m. | November 27, 2020

PRELUDE

*How Great Thou Art*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered here to praise God, to witness to our faith, and to give thanks for the life of Shirley Anne Spears.

We come together in grief, acknowledging our loss.

**May God grant us grace that in pain – we may find comfort, in sorrow – hope, and in death – resurrection.**

Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restores our life.

Shirley, being created in the image of God remains God's child forever.

Let us worship God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask. Show us now your grace, that as we face the mystery of death we may see the light of serenity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. When our days here are ended, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived as your grateful**

**children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and forever...**

*Silent Prayers May be Offered*

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 8:34,  
2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Ave Maria*  
Shirley Anne Spears

#### REMEMBRANCES

#### PRAYER FOR COMFORT AND ILLUMINATION

#### PSALM READING

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:31-15, 37-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate

us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

## MESSAGE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “Apostles’ Creed”

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

### 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.**

## PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Gracious God, by your power you gave us life, and in your love, you are giving us new life in Jesus Christ. We entrust Shirley to your safe keeping, in the faith of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who died and rose again to save us, and to bring us all to a joyful resurrection and the glory of your eternal kingdom.

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

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

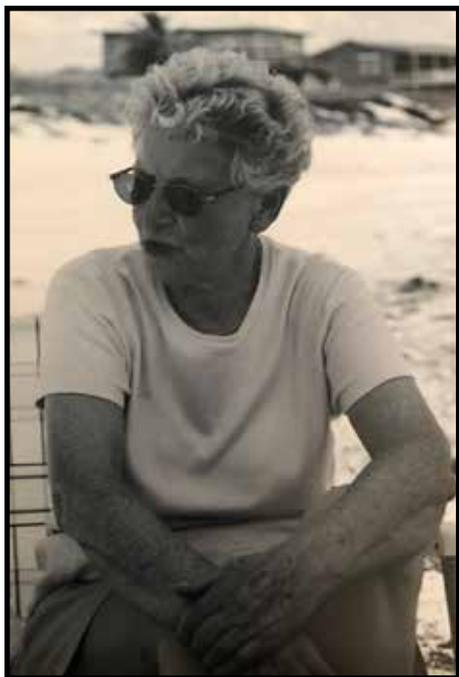
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

## Leading Worship

Julie Odle, CRE, Pastoral Associate

Paula Nichols, Pianist





*Shirley Anne Emmons* was born on September 5, 1929 to Lyman and Marjorie Emmons. She was the youngest of 6 children and grew up in Lawrenceville, Illinois where her father owned and managed a family funeral home. Shirley had a beautiful voice and went on to study music at the University of Illinois, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. During her college years, she met the love of her life, Joe Bob Spears, while he was in Lawrenceville working for Texaco.

Joe was immediately smitten with Shirley and they married and moved to New York where he continued his career with Texaco. They eventually settled in Beaumont, Texas when Joe took a job with Texas U.S. Chemical in Port Neches. They raised their 5 children in Beaumont where Shirley said she felt at home from the first moment they moved there.

Shirley will always be remembered as a sweet and devoted wife and mother. She was a kind and loyal friend who was dearly loved by all who knew her. Her ability to listen, and never talk about herself, was a characteristic that drew people to her. Those that knew Shirley also loved her practical nature, combined with a great sense of style. But perhaps her most endearing trait was her sense of humor and the ease of her laughter and smile.

She is survived by her sister Norma and husband Bob Craft of Lawrenceville, IL; and Joe's sister, Jane and her husband Tyson Payne of Austin, TX; Kyle (son) and Sara Spears of Austin, TX; Elizabeth (daughter) and husband Chuck Swallow of Austin, TX; Chris (son) and Wendy Spears of Houston, TX. Grandchildren Sam and Ben Spears; Katherine, Collin, and Audrey Swallow; and Chloe, Ethan, and Jacob Spears. And numerous nieces and nephews whom she adored.











**Pallbearers**

Kyle Spears  
Chris Spears  
Chuck Swallow  
Sam Spears  
Ben Spears  
Collin Swallow  
Ethan Spears  
Jacob Spears

**Interment**

Forest Lawn Memorial Park  
Beaumont, Texas

**Memorial Contributions**

Alzheimer's Association  
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Beaumont, Texas 77701



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