

*“The great and sad mistake of many people—among them even pious persons—is to imagine that those whom death has taken, leave us. They do not leave us. They remain! Where are they? In darkness? Oh, no! It is WE who are in darkness. We do not see them, but they see us. Their eyes, radiant with glory, are fixed upon our eyes full of tears. Oh, infinite consolation! Though invisible to us, our dead are not absent.”*

*Karl Rahner SJ*

**A Service of Worship  
Celebrating the Life  
of  
Lucy Gray Arnold**



**September 20, 2022**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Sanctuary  
St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
Houston, Texas**

## Order of Worship

Organ Prelude Jim Roman

\*Entrance of the Family

\*Word of Grace Tom Pace

\*Hymn of Praise  
#89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession  
Katie Montgomery Mears

Reading from the Psalter Psalm 23 (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 forever.

Witness to Lucy's Life Margaret Elkins Davis  
Lucinda Greenlee  
Elizabeth Suman  
Lucy Gray Elkins

Reading from the Epistle Lucy Gray Elkins  
Philippians 4:8

Solo The Lord's Prayer Malotte  
Grace Roman, soprano

Homily Tom Pace

Reading from the Gospel  
John 14: selected

\*Hymn of Praise #593 Here I Am, Lord HERE I AM, LORD

\*Commendation  
God of us all, your love never ends.  
When all else fails, you still are God.  
Keep true in us  
the love with which we hold one another.  
In all our ways we trust you.  
O God, all that you have given us is yours.  
As first you gave Lucy to us,  
so now we give her back to you.  
Receive Lucy into the arms of your mercy.  
Raise her up with all of your people.  
Receive us also, and raise us into a new life.  
And to you,  
with your church on earth and in heaven,  
we offer honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response On Eagle's Wings Joncas  
The congregation is invited to join in the chorus.

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.

\*Recessional

*\*Indicates congregation standing, if able*