YET EVEN AT THE GRAVE WE MAKE OUR SONG:



ALLELUIA ALLELUIA

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION FOR + KARI BETH LINDHOLM-JOHNSON +

Born April 10, 1964

Died April 20, 2024

Saturday, June 1, 2024

11 a.m.

PRELUDE	'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (Louisa M.R. Stead/William Kirkpatrick)
	Thy Holy Wings, Dear Savior (Lina Sandell/Swedish Melody)
	Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (Will L. Thompson)
	Sandra Kersten, Harp

CALL TO WORSHIP

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

INVOCATION

It Is Well with My Soul * HYMN 451

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES Dave Kersten, Reader Psalm 1 Psalter 1 Corinthians 13 New Testament Reading * Gospel Reading John 1:1-4 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

REMEMBRANCES FROM FRIENDS

REMEMBRANCES FROM FAMILY

Eva Sullivan-Knoff Deb Walters Laura Larson

> Gabe Johnson Chloe Johnson

OBITUARY

My Christ! my Christ!

Tell Again the Joyful Story * HYMN (Insert) Jan Lindholm

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CELTIC PRAYER

I am placing my soul and my body under Thy guarding this night,

my shield, my encircler, each day, each night, each light, each dark. My Christ! my Christ! my shield, my encircler, each day, each night, each light, each dark. Be near me, uphold me, my treasure, my triumph. Circle me, Lord, keep light near and darkness afar. Circle me, Lord, keep peace within, keep evil out. The peace of all peace be mine this day.

* HYMN 204

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

HOMILY Ellen Kogstad

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8

* CLOSING HYMN 370

My Jesus, I Love Thee

* SUNG BENEDICTION (Insert)

You May Rest, Hallelujah Kari Lindholm-Johnson

POSTLUDE Khari Lemuel

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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Following the service, all are invited to join in a time of fellowship, refreshment, and further storytelling in our church parlors.

The south garden will also be open, weather permitting, should you wish to fellowship outside.

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It Is Well with My Soul



WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888, alt. MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876



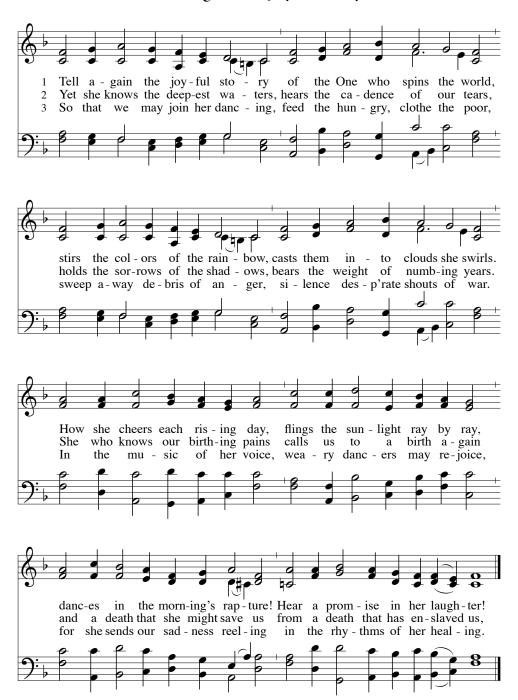
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Tell Again the Joyful Story



O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High 204



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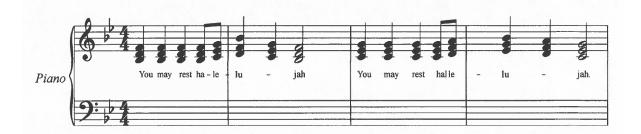
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You May Rest, Hallelujah

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+ KARI LINDHOLM-JOHNSON + April 10, 1964 - April 20, 2024

Kari Lindholm-Johnson, age 60, died peacefully in her sleep on April 20, 2024, in Chicago, IL. Kari was born in the small town of Ortonville, MN, on April 10, 1964, to Rita Marie (Gerhardt) Lindholm and Loren Harold Lindholm. While Kari and her big sister, Jan, grew up, the family moved around a lot—to the Twin Cities, back to Ortonville, on to a suburb of Denver, CO, then to Mille Lacs Lake in MN, off to Omaha, NE, and finally to Coon Rapids, MN, where Kari thrived as a student, clarinetist in the band, and athlete at Coon Rapids High School. After a one-year stint at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, Kari attended Taylor University in Upland, IN, and graduated with a major in psychology in 1986. After discerning a call to pursue ordained ministry, Kari attended North Park Seminary and earned her M.Div.



in 1991. While in Haddam Neck, CT, for her internship, Kari met and fell in love with her husband, Timothy Johnson, and the couple married on November 25, 1989, at Salem Covenant Church in New Brighton, MN. They were joyfully blessed by the birth of their son, Gabriel Gerhardt Johnson, on April 19, 1997, and daughter, Chloe Lindholm Johnson, on March 2, 2001.

During their life together, Kari and Tim lived in Haddam Neck, CT; Evergreen Park, IL; Brooklyn Center, MN; and finally Chicago, IL, where the family put down its deepest roots. Kari took on numerous professional roles, including associate pastor, artist in residence, hospital chaplain, spiritual director, and interim pastor (most recently at the Edgewater congregation of the welcoming, inclusive Urban Village Church in Chicago). Kari especially found joy in her vocation as an artist and returned to North Park University to fulfill a long-held dream to earn a bachelor's degree in art; she graduated in 2020.

Known for her warmth, hospitality, boisterous laugh, and the ability to create a meal on a moment's notice, Kari deeply loved her family and friends. She found joy in their company, delighted in the good she always saw, and, when necessary, fiercely advocated on their behalf. Kari was creative, brilliant, tenacious, compassionate, brave, full of wonder, and endlessly curious—a polymath (as her son, Gabe, has noted) with the sensibility of a mystic, a woman of faith. She dove into life wholeheartedly and pursued projects with abandon, whether whipping up furniture and raised beds for the yard, foraging for food in the neighborhood, tackling a course in organic chemistry for the wonder of it, or creating her beautiful, visionary art. She described her vocation as an artist in this way in her poem "Paint":

My hands mix
Crushed rock and pressed seed oil
Dust anointed with intention
Moved by a paintbrush
Grounded and flowing, colors pushed and pulled
With the unrelinquishing hope and pursuit of
forming
A representation, a healing, a place to rest
Reflected refractions that we are connected,
somehow
To Light, to earth and to one another

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Beyond describing or defining, Kari was one of a kind and was loved more than tongue can tell.

Kari was preceded in death by her parents, Loren and Rita Lindholm. She is survived by her husband, Timothy L. Johnson of Chicago, IL; children, Gabriel G. Johnson and Chloe L. Johnson of Chicago, IL; sister, Jeannette M. Lindholm (Christine Draper) of Beverly, MA; sister-in-law, Linda C. Morris (Tom Morris) of Seattle, WA; brother-in-law, Darryl N. Johnson (Cinda Madonna) of Seattle, WA; and the aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends whom she cherished and loved.

Kari was buried on April 25, 2024, at Roselawn Cemetery in Roseville, MN. Peace to her memory.

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Memorials

Gifts in memory of Kari may be given to a ministry or charity of your choice.

Worship Participants

Pastors Ellen Kogstad

Libby Piotrowski

Jeff Hunter

Organ/Piano Sandra Kersten Cello Khari Lemuel Reader Dave Kersten

Speakers Gabe Johnson, Son

Chloe Johnson, Daughter Eva Sullivan-Knoff, Friend

Deb Walters, Friend Laura Larson, Friend