

SERVICE OF DEATH AND RESURRECTION

for Anna Leona Chadwell
at Lindquist Cemetery
Layton, UT, on June 9, 2020

GREETING

Friends, we have gathered here to praise God and to witness to our faith as we celebrate the life of Anna Chadwell. We come together in grief, acknowledging our human loss. May God grant us grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow we may find hope, and in death we may find resurrection.

Dying, Christ destroyed our death.

Rising Christ restored our life.

Christ will come again in glory.

As in baptism Anna put on Christ,

so in Christ may Anna 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 Christ appears, we shall be like him,

for we shall see God as God is.

Those who have this hope purify themselves as Christ is pure.

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 life and death. Because I live, you shall live also.

PRAYER

Let us pray:

God, we have come together today to remember and thank you for Anna's life. We are also here to renew our faith in you who have promised to be with us in life and in death. Give to us now your grace, that as we shrink before the mystery of death, we may see

the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your message of life in death, of hope even in sorrow. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CD SONG based on Ps. 23 “Surely Goodness and Mercy”
by Steve & Emily Earnshaw

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40:1, 6, 8, 11, 28-31

John 14:1-3

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Revelation 21:1-5

REMEMBERING ANNA

Rev. Kim James

Anna was born on October 23, 1920, to Minnie and Elisa Owens, in Habersham, Tennessee. She and her family lived in the Appalachian Mountains in the Stinking Creek Holler. Anna had brothers and sisters, and they attended the Stinking Creek Grade School. Their family was dirt poor, but they were happy. Some of their fun activities were playing music on guitars and banjos, singing, and dancing. Anna loved dancing and other physical activities. One year, Anna won the Campbell County Fair pole vaulting and broad jump competitions.

When Anna was a teenager and it would have been appropriate to be baptized, she refused to be baptized at her family's Calvary Baptist Church—because that congregation was opposed to makeup and haircuts for women. So Anna went to a more progressive church and was baptized there.

Anna graduated from Wynn High School in Campbell County, Tennessee, in 1938. Then she moved about 200 miles north to Cincinnati, Ohio. Anna's older brother had moved to Cincinnati previously, and she thought she might find work in that bigger city. But Anna didn't move in with her brother. Instead, she rented a room in a boarding house. Anna liked that she had a bedroom to herself and no longer had to share a bed with her siblings. Anna got a job in an ice cream shop dipping ice cream.

Even though Anna was 200 miles from Stinking Creek, she stayed connected to her people back home. After the Pearl Harbor attack in December 1941, a young man that Anna had known all

her life reached out to her and asked her to marry him. His name was Duff Chadwell. It was a crazy time for young people then, and like many other couples their age, Anna and Duff got married on the spur of the moment by a justice of the peace right before he went off to fight in World War 2.

During those war years, Anna stayed in Cincinnati. She wasn't lonely, as more of her family members had moved there too.

Eventually Duff was discharged from his military service. Over the 32 years of their marriage, Anna and Duff lived in many different places. They had two daughters, Sherry and Penny. While the marriage to Duff was difficult, Anna did what she could for her family.

For example, Anna was an excellent seamstress. She made a lot of her own clothes and all the clothes for her daughters. Anna was so skilled that she could even create her own patterns. Anna also had some cooking talents, especially when it came to her biscuits and gravy. Anna saw to it that her daughters had music and piano lessons, and she made it possible for Sherry to participate in Job's Daughters.

In 1962, Duff's brother helped him get a job at Hill Air Force Base, and the Chadwells moved to Layton. To help with the family finances, Anna went to work at King's variety store in Layton. Later, she began attending classes at Weber College and earned an LPN nursing license. Becoming a nurse had been a lifelong dream, and Anna fulfilled that working in the Hill Field Hospital until her retirement in 1982.

Duff had died of a heart attack in 1976, so Anna entered her retirement years as a single person. But she didn't waste any time worrying about that. Instead, she put herself to traveling the world. Anna went with friends and alone, on tours and cruises and river rafting trips. She rode an elephant in Thailand, climbed Ayers Rock in Australia, kissed the Blarney Stone in Ireland, slid into mines in Russia, and visited China twice.

Another kind of trip that Anna took was her annual pilgrimage back to Tennessee for Mountain Days. Sometimes she flew, and sometimes she drove. She really enjoyed those visits with her siblings and extended family.

When Anna wasn't traveling, she took care of her home in Layton. She painted the house inside and out. She maintained her lawn sprinklers. Anna regularly attended Clearfield Community Church. She was also a longtime member of Eastern Star and was a member of Beth Araba in Clearfield.

Anna was also actively involved with her grandsons John and Brian. All their life, the boys have enjoyed the affections of their grandma who took them hiking and provided for many of their needs and wants. When Penny brought her kids to visit in the summers, Daniel and Chad enjoyed Anna's attention too.

Anna was an healthy and active lady. She never ate fast food or drank soda. Every day she walked three to four miles, and, in her retirement, she loved playing golf. She was on women's leagues in Layton and played twice per week.

For 18 years, Anna went south for the winter, staying in an RV park in Ajo, Arizona, near where John and Sherry were. Anna walked and climbed many mountains in that area.

Nine years ago, Anna decided to sell her Layton house and move into the Three Fountain Condos in North Ogden. That way she was nearly next door to John and Sherry and closer to the rest of her family too.

When Anna's family expanded to include great grandchildren, she enjoyed many activities with them, like sleepovers at her condo. Anna gained much pleasure in encouraging and supporting her great grandchildren's endeavors and interests. They also joined her in walking in the annual George E. Wahlen Veterans' Tribute fundraiser.

Anna was a regular volunteer at the Veterans Home for many years. She also enjoyed participating at the North Ogden Senior Center. It was somewhere to go for social life, sometimes just to sit and talk, and sometimes to dance.

When she was at home by herself, Anna loved to read biographies and other in-depth books. Anna was often seen reading the Bible and reference books about the Bible.

When Anna moved to North Ogden, she started attending worship at First United Methodist Church. Anna was never one to talk much about her faith, but she definitely wanted her family to share the faith that she had. Anna was always glad to have a

pastoral visit from me in her condo or at Auberge. She appreciated prayers for herself and for all of you whom she deeply loved.

We will miss Anna very much. We will miss the mischievous twinkle in her eye and her energetic zest for life. I know you young ones will miss how much she patiently believed in you and gave you strength.

But please don't think that Anna and all her grandma-power is now gone from you. Anna is as close to us as God, who is now holding her and us in arms of everlasting love.

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS OF OTHERS

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional Version)

PRAYER FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS & COMMENDATION

Let us pray:

God of peace and comfort, we lift before you Anna's family and friends. We think of those who could not be here today as well as those who are. Assure them all of your loving presence, both now and in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Enable them to know your forgiving mercy, and help them to support each other during this time of grief. Give them strength to move on into the future with hope and joy.

Now, O God, we return Anna's body to the earth from which it came. Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. And we commend Anna's spirit to you. We ask that you receive Anna into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of all the saints. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

And now, may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty--the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit--be with you always. Amen.