

In Memoriam
Laura Belle Catherine Stoyles
(née Goosney)
December 18, 1925 – July 4, 2026



Memorial Service and Celebration of Life
Thursday, July 30, 2026
1:00 p.m.

Officiants: The Rev. Daniel Fournier and Joan Scandrett
Pianist: Gabe Lagos

*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories
of the Esquimalt, Songhees and WSÁNEĆ people,
the traditional custodians of these lands.
We are grateful for their hospitality.*

Order of Service

Scripture Sentences *(Please stand)*

*The steadfast love of God never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
(Lamentations 3: 22-23)*

*Let not your hearts be troubled: believe in God,
believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms;
if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare
a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am
you may be also. (John 14: 1-3)*

*They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not
strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre
of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to
springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear
from their eyes. (Revelation 7: 16, 17)*

Words of Welcome: The Rev. Daniel Fournier
(Please be seated)

Remembering Laura *(Tributes offered by family members.)*

Kristina Littlejohns (Grandaughter):

Chris Tateham (Grandson):

Melissa Ryane (Grandaughter):

Others:

Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful

(Please stand)

(Refrain)

***All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
the Lord made them all.***

*Each little flower that opens,
each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their lively wings.
(Refrain)*

*The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruit in the garden,
God made them every one.
(Refrain)*

*The rocky mountain splendour,
the loon's wild, haunting call,
The great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall.
(Refrain)*

*God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
How great is the Creator,
who has made all things well.
(Refrain)*

Opening Prayer:

Priest: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray:

God, Creator and Giver of Life, Source of love and joy, we come into your presence to celebrate life, especially the life of Laura. God, mysterious and mothering, we come into your presence to grieve her loss. As we gather in the shadow of death, may we see the light and peace of your presence revealed in our Saviour Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 5b-8

Read by Nathan Cinnamon (Great-grandson)

Reader: A reading from the Second Letter of Timothy

As for you, do the work of an evangelist, carrying out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn: CP 519 The Lord's My Shepherd

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk thro' death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.**

Please remain standing.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 14-23

(Readers: Tara Poillievre and Barbara Felsing)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.

In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn: Amazing Grace

(Played and Sung by Daniel Fournier)

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:**

**'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

Reflection: The Rev. Daniel Fournier (Please be seated)

Anthem: "Give us the Wings of Faith to Rise within the Veil"
By Matthew Larkin

Please stand as you are able.

The Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers *(Please be seated)*

Priest: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for all the blessings of life, for watching over us in death, and for all the ways in which we come to know your love. We thank you for those who share our lives: for family and loved ones; caregivers and companions, for our church family, as well as friends and neighbours. Especially today we give thanks for Laura, who was loved by so many. We praise you for the gift of her life, and we remember all in her that was kind and generous, the love she gave and was given, her faithful attendance in this church, and all the ways she gave of her time and her service.

We give thanks in a special way for her daughters whose love enabled Laura to come to church each Sunday, and to their families who supported them. We are thankful for Laura's long life and for the pride and joy she found in her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren, and for every memory she made with them. We pray that she will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of her family and loved ones, continuing to inspire courage and inform conscience.

We give thanks that she now has entered into the joy of God's presence, and lives on deeper in God's heart where she is held precious for eternity.

As we go forward with Laura in our memories and our hearts, may we be inspired to keep giving to the world all that she gave, so that what began with her may increase through us in making the world a better and kinder place. May the example of Laura's deep faith give us all a vision of God's purpose in our life and work together, and may we touch the hope she had in Christ Jesus, who is with us always, in life, in death, and life beyond death. **Amen.**

Consoling God, we pray for Laura's family who are grieving her loss. May they know the comfort of your peace, and the strength of your presence through the support of those who reach out in care. Give them patience in this time of loss, that they may come to understand the wonder of your healing power and the mystery of your never-ending love that surrounds them. **Amen.**

God of all consolation, we pray to you for those we love but see no longer, remembering especially Bill and Ron. Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Lord's Prayer: *Read by Jennifer and Jack Munro*
(*Granddaughter and Great-grandson*)

**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 them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn: Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know
For the bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak but he is strong.
(Chorus) Yes Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me,
Yes Jesus loves me, the bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let his little child come in.
(Chorus)

Gentle Jesus, with me stay
Close beside me all the way;
When at last I come to die
Take me home with thee on high.
(Chorus)

The Final Commendation *(Please remain standing)*

Before we go our separate ways,
let us take leave of our beloved Laura.
May our farewell express our affection for her;
May it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope.
One day we shall joyfully greet her again
when the love of Christ, which conquers all things,
destroys even death itself.

And so we pray:
Into your merciful care, Loving God,
we commend our loved one, Laura Belle Catherine Stoyles,
in the sure and certain hope that,
together with all who have died in Christ
she will rise with him on the last day.
We give you thanks for the blessings
which you bestowed upon Laura in this life:

They are signs to us of your goodness
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful God, turn towards us and listen to our prayers:
open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us to
remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith,
until we all meet in Christ and are with our loved ones forever.
Amen.

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Here follows a time of silence.

Priest: Rest eternal grant to her, O God.

All: And let light perpetual shine upon her.

Priest: May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,
by the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: Amen.

The Blessing

May God give you
comfort and peace,
light and joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

(Please remain standing)

Hymn: How Great Thou Art

**Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed**

**(Chorus) Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

**And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
(Chorus)**

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art
(Chorus)**

*All are invited to process to the cemetery for a brief service of
Interment of Ashes*

Graveside Service of Committal
for Laura Belle Catherine Stoyles

Dear friends, may these words from scripture touch your hearts and give you peace this day.

Come unto me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

We gather here in the beauty of God, revealed in the sights and sounds of nature. May this sacred place and the hallowed ground on which we stand remind us of the preciousness of all life, and the eternal cycle of living, dying, and rebirth. Let us pray.

Eternal God, be present with us now and embrace us with your infinite love as we remember Laura, give thanks for the gift of her life, and place her earthly remains in their final resting place. Give us faith that by day or by night, in all times and in all places, we may without fear entrust those who are dear to us to your never-failing love, in this life and in the life to come. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, our risen Saviour. Amen.

Psalm 27 (selected verses) (said together)

**God is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
God is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

**One thing I asked of God, that will I seek after:
to live in the God's house all the days of my life,
to behold the God's beauty,
and to inquire in the temple.**

**Hear, my God, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"
Your face, God, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.**

**I believe that I shall see the goodness of God
in the land of the living.**

**Wait for God;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for God!**

Act of Committal

For all that Laura has been for us, for all that she continues to be in the hearts and minds of her loved ones, and for the gift of our memories, we let us give thanks to God, giver of life and love. And now, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, we commend our loved one, Laura Belle Catherine Stoyles, to God's eternal keeping, and we commit her ashes to the ground, *earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust* +. May God bless her and keep her, may God's face shine on her and be gracious to her, may the light of God's countenance be upon her now and evermore. Amen.

God of all, accept our praise and thanksgiving for the lives of all your faithful people who have served you on earth and are now at rest. Grant that we too may dedicate ourselves to your service, following their good examples, and share with them your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

O God, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, that is beyond our understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and on the path of Jesus; and the blessing of God: Source of All, Eternal Word, and Spirit, be with you and those you love, this day and always. Amen.

Let us go forth from this place in peace.

Please make your way to the church hall for a reception.



Missing My Mother



I THOUGHT OF HER WITH LOVE TODAY,
BUT THAT IS NOTHING NEW.
I THOUGHT ABOUT HER YESTERDAY,
AND DAYS BEFORE THAT, TOO.

I THINK OF HER IN SILENCE.
I OFTEN SPEAK HER NAME.
ALL I HAVE ARE MEMORIES,
AND HER PICTURE IN A FRAME.

HER MEMORY IS MY KEEPSAKE,
WITH WHICH I'LL NEVER PART.
GOD HAS HER IN HIS KEEPING.
I HAVE HER IN MY HEART.