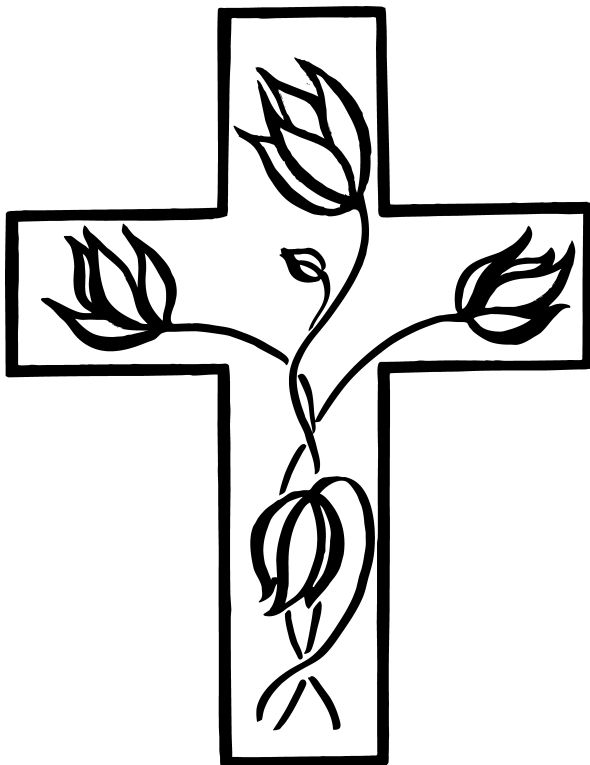


# Ruth Pearson Beattie

March 7, 1917 – March 11, 2010



March 15, 2010  
10:00 am

## **Worship Leaders**

Minister: Pastor William J. Sappenfield

Music Director: Bryan Rust

Ushers: Tim and Laura Lincoln

## **Pall Bearers**

William Bitner

Bruce Bitner

Edwin Bailen

Micah Lincoln

Funeral Service of

# Ruth Beattie

*The minister meets the coffin at the entrance to the church.  
The assembly stands and faces him.*

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Welcome in the name of Jesus,  
the Savior of the world.  
We are gathered to worship,  
to proclaim Christ crucified and risen,  
to remember before God our sister, Ruth,  
to give thanks for her life,  
to commend her to our merciful redeemer,  
and to comfort one another in our grief.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,  
we were baptized into his death.  
We were buried therefore with him  
by baptism into death,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live a new life.  
For if we have been united with him in a death like his,  
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like  
his.

*The presiding minister leads this acclamation.*

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

**We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

**We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

**We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The minister leads the coffin. A hymn is sung.*

Just As I Am, without One Plea

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## **GREETING**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Ruth. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## READINGS

Isaiah 43:1-3a

<sup>43</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Romans 8:31-39

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>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? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your

sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,<sup>39</sup> 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.

## **SERMON**

Reflections on Ruth’s life by members of the family.

The Lord’s My Shepherd

ELW 778

## **CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.

Thine Is the Glory

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## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## COMMENDATION

*The minister takes his place at the coffin.*

Let us commend Ruth to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*The presiding minister places his hand on the coffin during this prayer.*

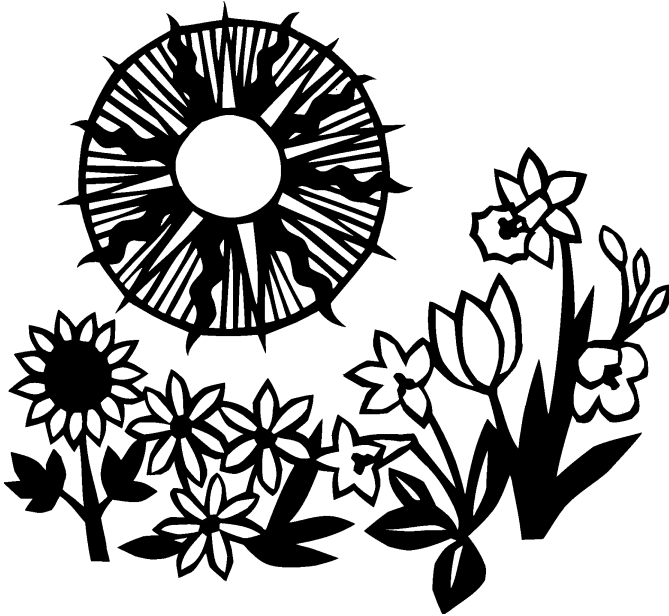
Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Ruth. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into

the glorious company of the saints in light.  
**Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*A procession forms and leaves the church, the minister leading.*

*A service of committal will be held at the graveside immediately following the funeral.*





Ruth Pearson Beattie, beloved wife, mother, grandma and teacher, 93, died peacefully on March 11, 2010. Ruth was born on March 7, 1917 and grew up

in Chicago where she taught elementary school. On November 23, 1940 she married Butler (Bob) Beattie. They later moved to New Lenox where they resided for 47 years before moving to Austin, Texas to be near family. Ruth taught school in New Lenox for 20 years, served on the library board and was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church (she was one of their oldest volleyball players). Besides her family and students, Ruth loved gardening, books, words and nature. Ruth is predeceased by her parents, Frank and Ruth Pearson; her husband, Butler Beattie; her sisters, Frances Pearson Howells and Faith Pearson Trickler and by her daughter, Catherine Beattie Bitner. Ruth is survived by her son-in-law, LeRoy Bitner, her son, Frank Pearson Beattie; her daughter and son-in-law, Irene Beattie and Edwin Bailen, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Services at Peace Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas.

If you are so inclined, in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of the following: The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer, P. O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486 [www.mdanderson.org](http://www.mdanderson.org); or Autism Research Institute, 4182 Adams Avenue, San Diego, CA 92116, [www.autism.com](http://www.autism.com); or Peace Lutheran Church Building Fund, 10625 Ranch Road 620 Austin, TX, 78726, [www.peaceaustin.org](http://www.peaceaustin.org).

This is the first prayer Ruth learned as a child from her Swedish grandmother. A couple of years ago, a Swedish

friend verified Mom was still saying it correctly and in good Swedish. You don't forget those first prayers you are taught.

Gud som haver barnen kär  
ser till mig som liten är  
sart jag mig I världen vänder  
står min lycka I guds händer  
lyckan kommer lyckan går  
den Gud älskar lyckan får  
Amen

God who loves the children  
will look after little me  
where ever I travel in the world  
my happiness is in God's hands  
happiness comes, happiness goes  
the one God loves will stay happy  
Amen

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