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## "Into Your Hands, I Commend My Spirit"

Nancy Marie Patterson Ashworth, 67, of Gladstone, MO passed away on March 29, 2020 following a long and painful battle with lupus. Nancy was born in Hollis, Oklahoma, the daughter of Ralph and Ruby Patterson. After college, Nancy and her son, Jeffrey James (JJ) Chappell, moved to the Kansas City area, where she spent the rest of her life.

Nancy married John Ashworth on May 19, 1984 and was blessed with a granddaughter, Payton Marie Chappell, in 1999. She worked at Farmland Industries (which later became Land O'Lakes) for a total of 45 years before retiring.

Nancy was very talented. She loved to write and was very proud of publishing her novels. She loved to quilt and do all kinds of crafting projects. She also loved baking chocolate pies (her mother's recipe) and her chocolate chip cookies were legendary. She was the first one to offer help to others and had a giving heart. She was very active in her church, volunteering for many committees, teaching Sunday School, and her beautiful voice rang out in the choir. She took a special pride in leading people to Christ. She loved her family and friends dearly.

Nancy leaves behind her husband of 36 years John Ashworth, granddaughters Payton Chappell and Celia Chappell, sisters Rita (Jim) Greer, Bonnie (Garry) Wheeler, Joann (Don) Uptergrove, and aunt Ernestine Masters – along with many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Samuel "Ralph" and Ruby Patterson, son Jeffrey James (JJ) Chappell, and siblings Winona (Pete) Ronveaux, Donald Patterson, Wesley Patterson, Connie Adams, and Marsha Bogle.

There will be a service to honor Nancy this summer at Grace Baptist Church (3101 N.E. Vivion Road in Kansas City, MO 64119).

### DIACONATE DEVOTIONAL

(Copied from Our Daily Bread March 22, 2020 – Carol Ann Staley)

**The Picture of Despair** by Linda Washington

*Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.*  
Psalm 107:6

During the Great Depression in the United States, photographer Dorothea Lange snapped a photo of Florence Owens Thompson and her children. This well-know photograph, *Migrant Mother*, is the picture of a mother's despair in the aftermath of the failed pea harvest. Lange took it in Nipomo, California, while working for the Farm Security Administration, hoping to make them aware of the needs of the desperate seasonal farm laborers.

The book of Lamentations presents another snapshot of despair-that of Judah in the wake of the destruction of Jerusalem. Before the army of Nebuchadnezzar swept in to destroy the city, the people had suffered from starvation thanks to a siege (2 Kings 24:10-11).

Though their turmoil was the result of years of disobedience to God, the writer of Lamentations cried out to God on behalf of his people (Lamentations 2:11-12).

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10:15 a.m.

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2:00 p.m.

"For by grace you have  
been saved through  
faith, and this is not  
your own doing; it is  
the gift of God."

Ephesians 2:8 NRSV

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While the author of Psalm 107 describes a desperate time in Israel's history (during Israel's wanderings in the wilderness, vv. 4-5), the focus shifts to an action step to be taken in hard times: "Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble" (v. 6). And what a wonderful result: "he delivered them from their distress."

In despair? Don't stay silent. Cry out to God. He hears and waits to restore your hope. Though He doesn't always take us out of hard situations, He promises to be with us always.

*When have you experienced God's help in a stressful time? How will you encourage someone this week who's facing a crisis?*  
**Heavenly Father, I'm grateful for Your comforting presence.**

## HOW TO FIND THE PALM SUNDAY VIDEO

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I was teased this week that my sermon last week was over 2 hours long. Yes, someone actually listened to the whole thing through all the buffering and all the starts and stops. Try this pathway for Palm Sunday, April 5.

1. Go to [www.grace4u.net](http://www.grace4u.net), the Grace web site.
2. Click on "Media" the last word in the black line under the church picture.
3. Click on "Click here to link to our Multimedia Gallery"
4. (At this point those using Google Chrome will go to the address line and click on the small circle with an i in it. On the "Flash" line click on the drop down symbol and click "allow" to activate Flash.)
5. Follow the Youtube instructions to this Sunday's video.
6. (If you get really desperate, call Mike Reiter for instructions.)

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP APRIL 9, 7:00 P.M.**  
**FIFTEEN MINUTES AT THE CROSS.**  
**IN YOUR CAR OR 6 FEET APART IN THE LAWN**

## NARTHEX NEWS

(A summary of topics we would talk about if we were in the Narthex at GBC)

Barbara Sharpless has moved back to Colorado and is now under the watch-care of her son. Thanks to Gene and Rick and many others who helped her while she was a part of our church family.

Congratulations to Betsy Bennett who retired last week after 21 years working in oncology care at KU Cancer Center and its predecessors. Last Monday she celebrated retirement and did not set her clock to get up to go to work.

From Mark Grant in Springfield: "It was good to worship at Grace this morning, but not as good as a live service."

Peggy Dunn is ready for spring and is preparing for the reemergence of dormant plants. She is still battling nerve pain in her face.

As you go to the grocery store this week drive by the church and enjoy the daffodils that are blooming profusely around the sign. And if you get to the south entry the vinca minor is in its heyday.

From Kearney:

- It was nice to have a call from the Parables Sunday School class to check on Linda.
- Thanks also for a call from my Sunday School teacher, Bonnie Hespelt, to remind me of Psalm 18:24-29.
- Thanks to Care Group Leaders and others who are making daily contacts with their care groups.
- And the First Baptist Church of Kearney called to ask how they could pray for us.

Vangie Webb writes, "I am doing ok. Am keeping my hands and sewing machine busy when not reading."

The next time you get to the Narthex, please notice the new table top at the north entry greeter's table. It is beautiful and will be very functional for the rest of our lives. Thank you, Roger, for being both a craftsman and an artist.

Linda Smith's mother, Ruth, has gone into hospice at the care center where she lives. Ruth has been falling lately and the family prays that she not suffer over an extended period of time.

Pray for Mike Reiter. He will be getting a new round of treatments in St. Louis April 5-8, 2020.