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**Memorial Service
Shih-liang Shirley Fine
May 30th, 2026**

Prelude

Psalm 23

P: ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

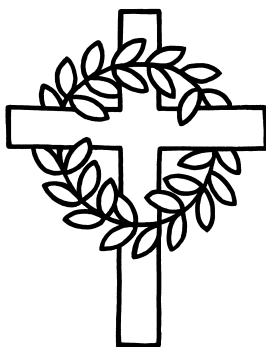
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.



Thanksgiving For Baptism

P: 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.

P: 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.

C: We glorify you.

P: 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.

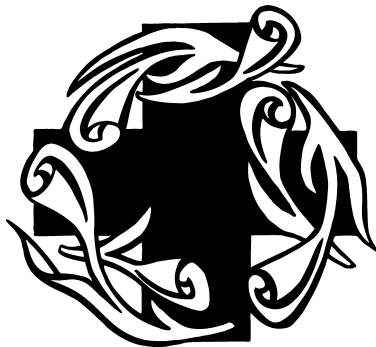
C: We praise you.

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

C: We worship you.

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

C: Amen.



Opening Hymn

ELW #629 "Abide With Me"

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Shih-liang. 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.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Job 19:23-27a

²³ "O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷ whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music performed by Mike Hsu

Second Reading

Revelation 21:2-7

² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Remembrances of Shih-liang Shirley Fine

Mitzi Fine and Nancy Fine

Special Music

**"Goodbye My Love 鄧麗君" by Teresa Tang
Performed by Marisa Mladenovic, Soprano
and Paul D. Dykstra, Piano**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

John 14:1-6

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.” ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Nicholas Zook



Hymn of the Day

ELW #449 "We Know That Christ Is Raised"



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Apostle's Creed

**C: 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 into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
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.**

Prayers of Intercession

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Hear us, risen Lord.

A: Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

C: Hear us, Lord.

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may rise to newness of life and that through the gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. . Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

C: Hear us, Lord.

A: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

C: Hear us, Lord.

A: Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

C: Hear us, Lord.

A: Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

C: Hear us, Lord.

A: Grant us the faith and grace to entrust Shih-liang to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy and remember her according to the favor you bear for all your people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor thing to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: 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.**

P: The God of peace – who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant – make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Closing Hymn

ELW #773 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Commendation

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Shih-liang.
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.

Benediction

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

P: Let us go in peace.

Postlude

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Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook

Deacon: Kim Baratta

Lector: Mary-Ann Lupa

Soloist: Marisa Mladenovic

Choir: Dan Lantvit, Kunying Li, Bates Larson, Maggie Larson, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck

Organist & Choir Director: Paul D. Dykstra

The family of Shih-liang would appreciate any memorial gifts be made to Sarah's Circle, a nonprofit organization providing services for women, including housing, life necessities, and supportive services, to help them permanently end their homelessness.

Gifts to Sarah's Circle can be made:

- ◇ Electronically - Scan the QR code here to visit Sarah's Circle donation page. Gifts can be made in memory of a loved one.
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Sarah's Circle
C/O Kathleen Molnar
4838 N. Sheridan Rd.
Chicago, IL 60640



Shih-liang Shirley Fine

11 May 1963 – 9 May 2026

Shih-liang Shirley Fine, aged 62, passed away suddenly on Saturday May 9, 2026, at her home in West Town, Chicago, Illinois. Shih-liang was born on the May 11, 1963 in Taipei, Taiwan, to the late Frank T. H. Fine and Shumen (Lee) Fine. Her father Frank worked as an engineer on the construction of a hydroelectric power station in Taiwan. In the mid-sixties he entered the US to complete a master's degree in engineering, then worked for the City of New York. In 1966 he sent for Shumen and little Shih-liang to join him in New York, and resided in Elmhurst, Queens for the better part of a year. In this interval Frank found a position with a large engineering firm which were expanding into other cities. They then placed Frank in their new Chicago office, and so the family relocated there.



They found a house in Darien, DuPage County, where Shih-liang grew up and where her two younger sisters, Mitzi and Nancy, were born. Shih-liang graduated high school in 1981, with a focus on the sciences.

She then entered the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. She initially studied science, considering a career in medicine, but subsequently changed her focus to business. Through mutual friends she became acquainted with John Haywood Doeringer, whom she was to eventually marry. In the meantime, she found employment at Carson Pirie Scott department store in Urbana, and then the same in Chicago; then subsequently, Marshall Fields in Chicago. Following Fields, she worked as a commercial traveler for a small firm in Chicago's Merchandise Mart representing lines of jewelry and accessories. When the owner of this firm decided to leave the field, Shih-liang founded Shih-liang Accessories Ltd, building on the relationships she had established in the now defunct firm.

This work required travel to many towns and cities throughout the Midwest, as well as to New York, visiting the buyers for shops and stores either at their premises or at trade shows. Many enduring friendships developed as a result of this recurring travel.

In 1995, she married John Doeringer at Wicker Park Lutheran Church in West Town, where they also bought a cottage and where they resided. Holidays were spent visiting family and friends in the US, in Europe and in Asia. In the late 1980s, her parents had opened a shop in Chinatown selling exotic and rare teas, unique in the Midwest, and this became the locus of Chicago family life after hours, and many dinners were had in nearby restaurants. After her parents retired to the outskirts of Los Angeles, many family reunions were located there, because by this time several family members had relocated to California from Taiwan.

Shih-liang had many interests and talents, including sewing, jewelry design, fashion, cookery, travel, attending musical concerts and theatre, and especially art exhibitions. She was an avid visitor of cities, their museums and concert venues. She was also quite fond of children, especially those of her friends and of her sister Nancy. She was very well-versed in current affairs and was an engaging conversationalist.

Shih-liang is preceded in death by her father Frank in 2018, and survived by her mother Shumen, her husband John, her sister Mitzi, her sister Nancy (Mike) Hsu, and their children Evan and Mina.

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You are invited to a luncheon following the service beginning at 1:30 pm in Chinatown at:

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Hymn Of The Day

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