

**Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bid the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

2 O Savior, whose almighty word  
The winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep,  
And calm amid its rage did sleep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

3 O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
Upon the chaos wild and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease,  
And gave, for fierce confusion, peace;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and power,  
All travelers guard in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

**A Service of Worship  
Celebrating the Life  
of**

**Barbara Hartung Smith**



**October 5, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Sanctuary  
St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
Houston, Texas**

## *Order of Worship*

Organ Prelude Rob Landes

\*Entrance of the Family

\*Word of Grace Tom Pace

\*Hymn of Praise

#89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Solo *How Great Thou Art*  
Elizabeth Smith Curtis, mezzo-soprano  
Carl Curtis, piano

Readings from the Holy Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Charles McGaha Smith  
Matthew 25:31-40 Scooter Smith

Organ Medley

Homily Tom Pace

Reading from the Gospel

John 14: selected

\*Hymn of Praise *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELITA  
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\*Commendation

God of us all, your love never ends.  
When all else fails, you still are God.  
Keep true in us  
the love with which we hold one another.  
In all our ways we trust you.  
O God, all that you have given us is yours.  
As first you gave Babs to us,  
so now we give her back to you.  
Receive Babs into the arms of your mercy.  
Raise her up with all of your people.  
Receive us also, and raise us into a new life.  
And to you,  
with your church on earth and in heaven,  
we offer honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

\*Benediction

\*Recessional

*\*Indicates congregation standing, if able*

*The congregation is invited to greet the family at a reception  
in the Fellowship Hall following the service.*

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

Richard Hightower  
Doug Johnston  
Rob Sult  
Babs' Lift Group  
Randy Smith Bible Study Class