



**A Service of Worship – March 13, 2007
in Praise of the Lord
and in Memory of Chieko “Impie” Harano
September 24, 1912 – February 25, 2007**

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Chieko "Impie" Harano
September 24, 1912 – February 25, 2007
United with this congregation October 7, 1945

Prelude – A medley of favorite hymns

Jerry Hohnbaum

*Sentences of Scripture

*Call to Worship

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
The desert shall rejoice and blossom;
**Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
And rejoice with joy and singing.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.**

Opening Prayer

Solo: *In the Garden*

Ron "Bud" Harano, son

Confession and Pardon

**Holy God, you see us as we are,
and know our inmost thoughts.
We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care.
We forget that all life comes from you
and that to you all life returns.
We have not always sought or done your will.
We have not always lived as your grateful children,
nor loved as Christ loved us.
Apart from you, we are nothing.
Only your grace can sustain us.
Lord, in your mercy, forgive us,
heal us and make us whole.
Set us free from our sin,
and restore to us the joy of your salvation
now and forever. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Readings

Psalm 27: 1-4

Kay Harano Kanayama, daughter

Matthew 5: 1-12

Helen Harano Christ, daughter

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 Betty Ann Harano Akiyama, daughter

Words of Hope and Remembrance

Rev. Amy Jo Hawley

Aspen Nipp, great granddaughter

Emily Cunningham Skwish, granddaughter

Paul Harano, son

*Affirmation of Faith

**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 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 Thanksgiving, Supplication and Intercession

Lord's Prayer (debts)

*Hymn

PH 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Commendation

*Blessing

*Procession to North Platte Cemetery

*We invite you to return to our Family Life Center after the
committal to join the family for lunch and fellowship.*

Chieko "Impie" Harano was born in Oakland, California, September 24, 1912 to Taroji and Matsuno (Funamori) Katayama. She married Satoru George Harano in 1930, and they celebrated 53 years of marriage together. Their nine children are as follows:

- Betty Ann Sachiko (Frank Akiyama), Columbia, MD
- Robert Motohiko (Solange Sharff), Baja California, Mexico
- Helen Tayeko (Frank Christ), Seattle, WA
- Kay Keiko (Yoichi Kanayama), Chino Hills, CA
- Roger "Bucky" Makoto (Audrey Onweiler Parigi), Beaumont, TX
- Ronald Kenji, Rockford, IL
- Gail Kiyo (Edward Cunningham), Leawood, KS
- Randall Taro (Roberta Denning), Nampa, ID
- Raymond Paul Teruo (Kim Raines), Houston, TX

She had 21 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, many dear nieces and nephews and countless friends and admirers. Her parents, her three brothers and their wives, her husband, and her son, Roger, preceded her in death.

In 1943, Impie and George and their first six children were interned with thousands of other West Coast people of Japanese descent in the Topaz, Utah, relocation center.

After WW II, the family moved to North Platte, Nebraska, where she and George operated the Platte Floral for 30 years. All nine of their children graduated from North Platte High School. After retirement, they led active lives in North Platte and traveled extensively, visiting their family in Europe, Japan, and across the United States. After George's death, Impie continued her activities and family visits, and for the past six years, she lived with her daughter and son-in-law in Leawood, Kansas, where she died February 25, 2007.

She was a Presbyterian Deacon, and was the 1961 North Platte Mother of the Year. Through the years she enjoyed supporting her children's many activities and being a part of the Presbyterian Church, PTA, Altrusa Club, Presbyterian Women, Mission Sewing Group, Garden Club, Credit Women's Club, Nissei Fellowship and other groups. She enjoyed the company of her family and friends, helped as she could at the church, and took pleasure in feeding and watching the birds and other animals that came into the yard. She had a smile and a kind word for everyone.