

A Service of Thanksgiving to God  
for the life of

**Jeremy Michael Fowler**

September 2, 1975 – December 7, 2022



Beyond the darkness,  
light....  
Beyond the sorrow,  
peace.  
Beyond the death,  
life!

2 p.m. Saturday, January 7, 2023

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

5325 Nieman Road, Shawnee, Kansas 66203

## Organ Prelude

*All stand.*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though he die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he dies.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on  
are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.

*All standing.*

## Welcome and Introduction

### Opening Hymn

$\text{♩} = 134$  VERSE

A $\flat$                       A $\flat$ <sup>7</sup>                      D $\flat$

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the dew is still on the  
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their  
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him tho' the night a - round me be

### *In the Garden*

4  $A\flat$   $E\flat^7$   $A\flat/C$   $E\flat$   $A\flat$   $B\flat^7$

ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the Son of God dis -  
sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me with - in my heart is  
fall - ing; But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe; His voice to me is

8  $E\flat$   $E\flat^7$   $A\flat$   $E\flat^7/B\flat$   $E\flat^7$

**CHORUS**

-clos - es. And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His  
ring - ing.  
call - ing.

12  $A\flat$   $C^7$

own; And the joy we share as we

14  $Fm$   $A\flat^7/E\flat$   $D\flat$   $A\flat/E\flat$   $E\flat^7$   $A\flat$

tar - ry there none oth - er has ev - er known.

*All standing.*

# **Collect**

*Celebrant*  
***People***  
*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Jeremy, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Jeremy. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.

Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with all who grieve. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

### **First Reading**

Wisdom 3: 1-5, 9 Brenda Carl  
New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.  
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,  
and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.  
For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.  
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself.  
Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<b>People</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

**The Psalm     Psalm 23**

Victor Clarke

*Read all together.*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.**
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble  
me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 4:16--5:9 Brenda Carl

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling-- if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.  
***People***                **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

**Gospel Hymn**

*Give Rest, O Christ  
The Hymnal 1982 #355*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Give rest, O Christ, to your ser - vant(s) with your saints, where sor - row and pain are no more, nei - ther sigh - ing, but life ev - er - last - ing. You on - ly are im - mor - tal, the cre - a - tor and ma - ker of man - kind; and we are mor - tal,'. The score ends with a 'Fine' marking. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics.

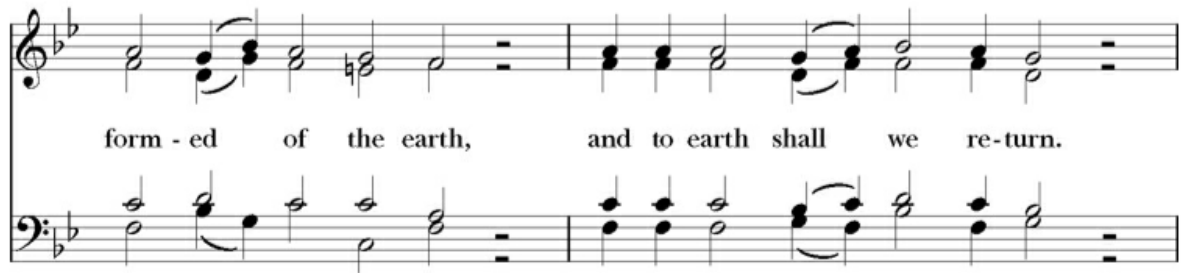
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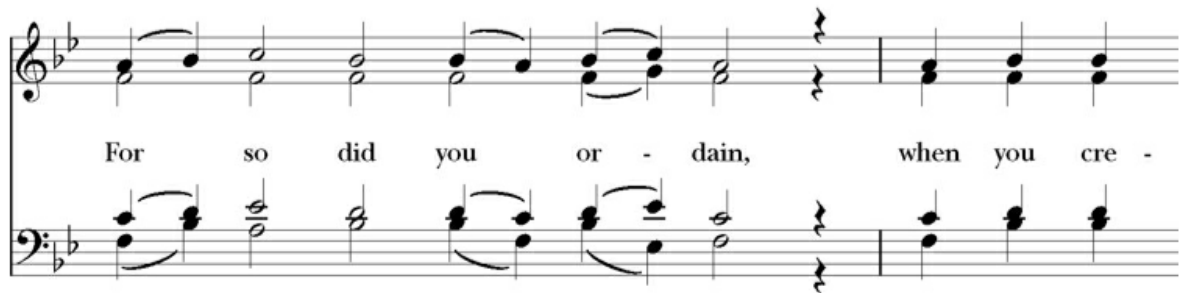
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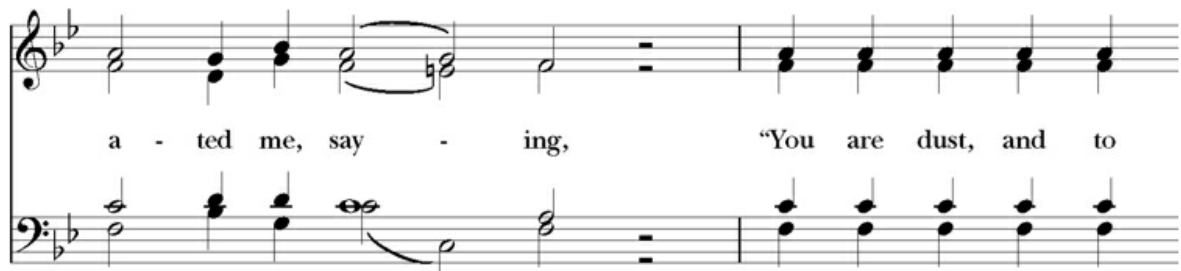
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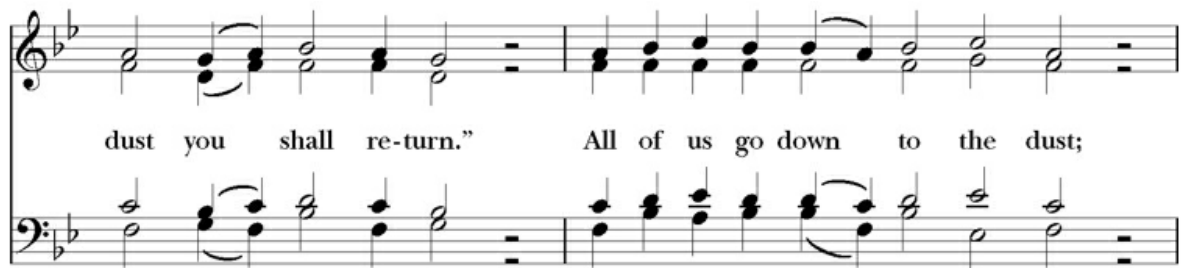
form - ed of the earth, and to earth shall we re-turn.



For so did you or - dain, when you cre -



a - ted me, say - ing, "You are dust, and to



dust you shall re-turn."

All of us go down to the dust;



yet e - ven at the grave we make our song:



## Holy Gospel

John 5:24-27  
The Reverend Mary Siegmund  
New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

*Priest*                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
***People***                 **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

"Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. "

*Priest*                    The Gospel of the Lord.  
***People***                 **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

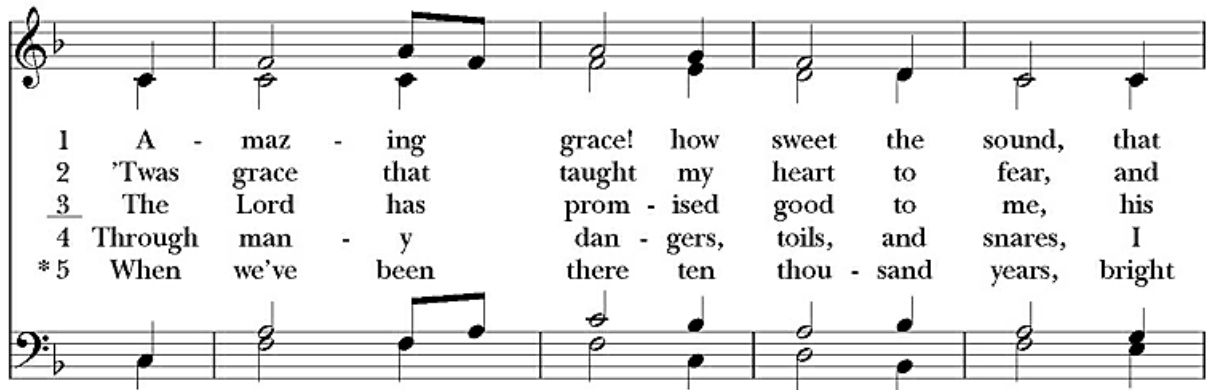
**Family Reflections**     Drew Hunnicutt; Anne Kniggendorf; Deborah Fowler

**Homily**                The Reverend Shawn Streepy

*Please stand.*

**Hymn**                *Amazing Grace*        *The Hymnal 1982 #671*





1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \* 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.*

*All standing.*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Celebrant* In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

*Celebrant and People*  
*(all together)*

**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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

**Prayers of the People**

Mililani Hayselden

Leader: *With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,*

People: ***Hear us, Lord.***

For our brother Jeremy, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Jeremy, and dry the tears of those who weep.

***Hear us, Lord.***

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

***Hear us, Lord.***

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

***Hear us, Lord.***

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

***Hear us, Lord.***

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

***Hear us, Lord.***

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

### ***Hear us, Lord.***

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*Silence may be kept.*

### **Family Prayer**

*The Celebrant concludes with*

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Jeremy, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love.

Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
***People***            **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another safely in the name of the Lord.*

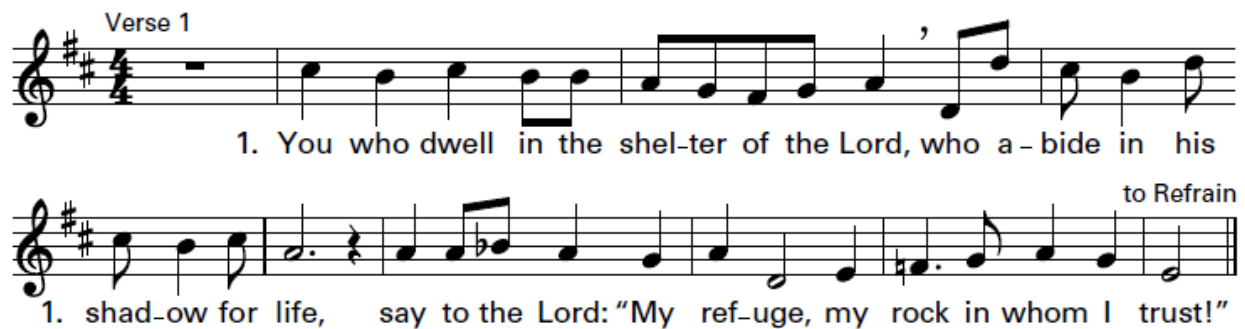
### **The Offertory Sentence**

*Celebrant*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory Hymn**            *On Eagle's Wings*

Verse 1



1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in his  
to Refrain  
1. shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My ref-uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the  
 breath of dawn, make you to shine like the  
 sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand. to Verses (last time to Coda) ⊕

⊕ Coda

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Verse 2

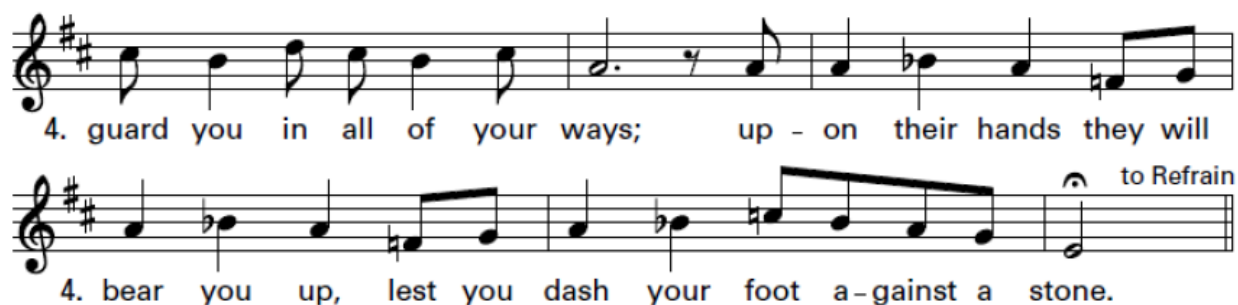
2. The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring  
 2. you no fear: un-der his wings your ref-uge, his faith-ful-ness your shield. to Refrain

Verse 3

3. You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by  
 3. day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come. to Refrain

Verse 4

4. For to his an-gels he's giv-en a com-mand to



## HOLY COMMUNION

### Eucharistic Prayer C

*The people stand. The Celebrant faces them and says*

	The Lord be with you.
<b>People</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
<b>People</b>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<b>People</b>	<b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
***By his blood, he reconciled us.***  
***By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### *Celebrant and People*



*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*Celebrant and People*

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



HOLY COMMUNION

### **Communion**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please wait until the usher releases your pew. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail to receive the bread and wine. Father Jonathan will intinct the wafer in consecrated wine and hand it to you.*

*If you don't desire communion, come forward, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.*

## Communion Music

*Duane Cunningham and Matt Hawkins*  
*"Wish We Had Our Time" by John Hartford*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Celebrant*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*  
*The Hymnal 1982 #376*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

*The service will continue outside in the memorial garden. Please pick up a candle on your way out to the garden. We ask you to please remain on the paths.*

## THE COMMITTAL

*Celebrant*

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;

I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*Silence*

*Celebrant*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Jeremy, and we commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

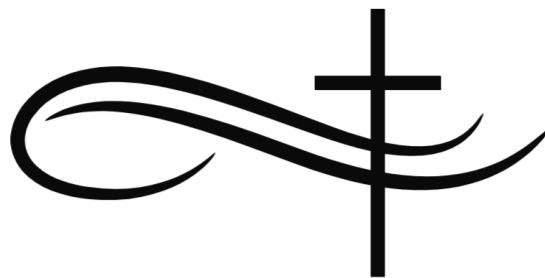
*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

***All are invited to join a reception inside the Parish Hall.***



The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 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.”

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered in to the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

Ministers of Service

Celebrant	The Reverend Jonathan Brice
Gospel	The Reverend Mary Siegmund
Homily	The Reverend Shawn Streepy
Lessons	Brenda Carl
Psalmist	Victor Clarke
Organist	Boyd Ahrens

**A special thanks to the Hospitality Team of St. Luke's.**