

WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION MEMORIAL SERVICE

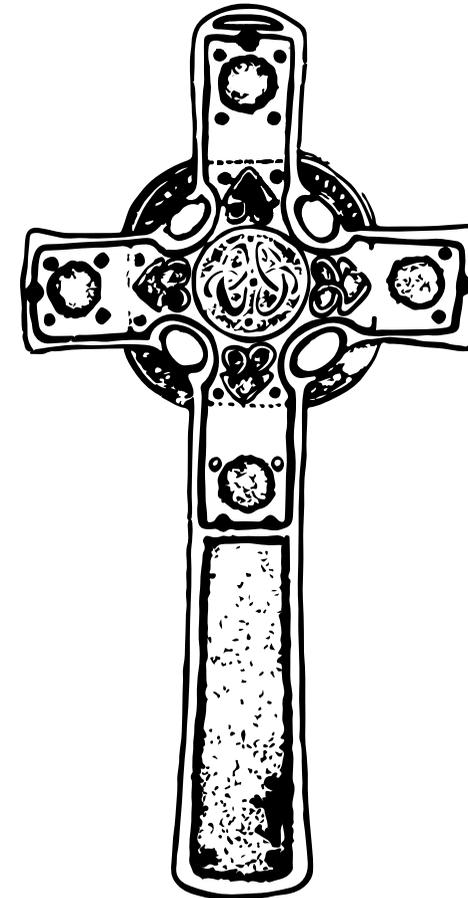
MARCH 18, 2021
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

*There is nothing that can replace the absence of someone dear to us,
and one should not even attempt to do so.
One must simply hold out and endure it.
At first that sounds very hard,
but at the same time it is also a great comfort.
For to the extent the emptiness truly remains unfilled
one remains connected to the other person through it.
It is wrong to say that God fills the emptiness.
God in no way fills it
but much more leaves it precisely unfilled
and thus helps us preserve -- even in pain --
the authentic relationship.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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Please silence all cell phones or electronic devices before the service begins.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP (In Unison)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

* HYMN # 649, verses 1 and 5 (see insert)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Lord God, who loves us with an everlasting love, and can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of the morning, help us now to wait upon You with reverent and believing hearts. In the needs of this hour and place, speak to us of eternal things, that through patience and comfort of the scriptures we may have hope, and be lifted above our darkness and distress into the light and peace of Your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PSALM 23 (In Unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely 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 TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

SOLO

At the River

arrangement by Aaron Copeland

MEDITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)

Romans 8

We are sure 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.

* HYMN # 465, verses 1 and 3 (see insert)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

* WORDS OF PARTING

Pastor: Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed.

Pastor: And become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

People: Death is swallowed up in victory.

Pastor: Go then, in peace, in hope, in good courage.

All: Thanks be to God, who gives the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders
The Rev. William Hoff
Jean Spyksma, organist
Debbie Pierson, soloist

The family invites you to a reception following the service in Bitteringer Hall.

*Please stand if able.