

Memorial Service: Remember

Thursday, June 1, 2017



2 Chronicles 7:14

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

GATHERING MUSIC

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER:

Isaiah 61:1-3

ALL: (Sing)

*Be still my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

LEADER:

Isaiah 60:17-18

ALL: (Sing)

*Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.*

LEADER:

Isaiah 60:19-22

ALL: (Sing)

*Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

*PROCESSIONAL: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Verse 2

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

Chorus

Verse 3

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

Chorus

*RESPONSIVE READING

LEADER:

Lord, you have been our help,
generation after generation.

ALL:

Before the mountains were born,

LEADER:

before you birthed the earth and the inhabited world—

ALL:

**from forever in the past
to forever in the future, you are God.**

LEADER:

You return people to dust,

ALL:

saying, “Go back, humans,”

LEADER:

because in your perspective a thousand years
are like yesterday past

ALL:

like a short period during a night watch.

LEADER:

You sweep humans away like a dream,

ALL:

like grass that is renewed in the morning.

LEADER:

We live at best to be seventy years old,
maybe eighty, if we're strong.

ALL:

**But their duration brings
hard work and trouble**

LEADER:

because they go by so quickly.
And then we fly off.

ALL:

**Teach us to number our days
so we can have a wise heart.**

LEADER:

Come back to us, Lord!

ALL:

**Please, quick!
Have some compassion for your servants!**

LEADER:

Fill us full every morning
with your faithful love

ALL:

so we can rejoice and celebrate our whole life long.

LEADER:

Make us happy for the same amount of
time that you afflicted us—

ALL:
for the same number of years that we saw only trouble.

LEADER:
Let your acts be seen by your servants;

ALL:
let your glory be seen by their children.

LEADER:
Let the kindness of the Lord our God be over us.
Make the work of our hands last.

ALL:
Make the work of our hands last!

GOSPEL LESSON
- *John 12:20-29 (CEB)*

The Rev. Natalie Hanson

SERMON: *Does it Last?*

The Rev. Natalie Hanson

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

As the names of clergy and clergy spouses who died this past year are read, a bell will toll, and a district superintendent will light a candle. Friends and families are invited to stand with the reading of the name. A youth representative will give the family a gift of olive oil symbolizing the fruit born from the ministry of the deceased.

CLERGY SPOUSES

Patricia Weber	June 4, 2016
Ginena Wills	July 21, 2016
Jill Tyson	August 31, 2016
Dorothy Emblidge	September 8, 2016
Lon Kouterick	December 24, 2016
Natalia Overmier	January 1, 2017
John Foster	January 2, 2017
Roberta Stillman	January 14, 2017
Elizabeth Rothwell	February 7, 2017
Barbara Dunn	February 22, 2017
Barbara Thomas	April 14, 2017
June Morin	April 16, 2017

CLERGY

Elizabeth Fribance	May 6, 2016
Douglas Akers	May 17, 2016
Richard Harrington	May 25, 2016
Vincent Rothwell	June 1, 2016
John Nuessle	June 4, 2016
James Green	June 22, 2016
E. Catherine Salisbury	July 5, 2016
Barbara Fellows	July 21, 2016
Michael Smith	August 28, 2016
Fredrick Carlsen	September 29, 2016
Allen Keiper	October 12, 2016
Edward Golden	October 19, 2016

Arthur Hagy Jr.	October 20, 2016
William Grossman	October 22, 2016
Keith Dewey	December 2, 2016
Mario Gazzilli	January 4, 2017
Susan Nowicki	January 6, 2017
Kenneth Wait	January 10, 2017
Sherwood Carver	January 20, 2017
C. Gordon Bloomberg	January 21, 2017
Richard Young	February 9, 2017
George Kibbe	February 13, 2017
James Wiggins	February 20, 2017
Wenona Homer	March 1, 2017
John Beeson	March 18, 2017
Vernon French	March 20, 2017
C. Joseph Ingraham	April 10, 2017
Franklin Weaver Jr.	April 15, 2017
Jonathan Smith	April 17, 2017

REMEMBERING THE LAY MEMBERS TO ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

Susan Hardy
Conference Lay Leader

*The names of those persons who died this year and who served
as lay members to Annual Conference may be lifted.*

*SONG: *Hymn of Promise*

In the bulb there is a flower
In the seed an apple tree
In cocoons a hidden promise
Butterflies will soon be free
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

There's a song in every silence
Seeking word and melody
There's a dawn in every darkness
Bringing hope to you and me
From the past will come the future
What it holds a mystery
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

In our end is our beginning
In our time infinity
In our doubt there is believing
In our life eternity
In our death a resurrection
At the last a victory
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Holy Communion will be served by intinction. An usher will guide you to a communion station. Receive the bread with open hands and dip the bread into the cup. All stations are gluten-free.

Holy Communion will be served by Cabinet members and those who will be ordained Saturday, June 3, 2017.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

By Rev. Dr. Nancy Hale

LEADER:

May the Lord be with you.

ALL:

And also with you.

LEADER:

Lift up your hearts.

ALL:

We lift them up to the Lord.

LEADER:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God of creative power that brings life to all the earth; mighty God, majestic and holy beyond our imagining; loving God, as close as our next breath, and as familiar as our own names: From the foundation of the world, you are enough.

When we take our first breath, you are enough. When we turn away from your loving care, you are enough. When we humble ourselves, pray, and seek your face, you are enough. And when we take leave of our life in this world, you are enough.

So, we join with all your people, near and far, past and present, known and unknown, to share the song of unending praise:

Repeated sections are sung first by the Leader and then by All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er and might, might, your
 glo - ry fills heav - en and earth, your earth. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - est.
 Blest is the One who comes in God's name, name, Ho -
 san - na in the high - - est. Ho - est.

Blessed God, although your love and power are more than enough, out of an abundance of mercy, you sent Jesus to reveal the depth of your love for us.

Anointed by your Spirit, he fulfilled your purposes expressed by the prophet Isaiah: He came as a herald of joy to the humble, to bind up the wounded of heart, to proclaim release to the captives, and liberation to the imprisoned; to proclaim a year of the Lord's favor and a day of vindication by our God; to comfort all who mourn — to provide for the mourners in Zion — to give them a turban instead of ashes, the festive oil instead of mourning.

Through the power of his resurrection and your victory over death, you offer us enough life, enough healing, and enough hope that we can be your people, the Church, called by your name.

On the night before Jesus died, he gathered his disciples to share one final meal. He took a loaf of bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it them, saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

After the meal, he took a cup, gave thanks, and passed it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this. It is the new covenant made in

my blood, for you and for all people. Each time you drink it, remember me.”

And so we remember Jesus. We see in him the fulfillment of your gracious provision for our lives and for the world, and in awe and wonder, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Just as you have provided for your people throughout the ages, provide for us once more by sending your Spirit on this bread and this cup. Make them the body and blood of Christ that will enable us to live as the body of Christ in our world, to trust that you are always enough for our needs, and to love and serve you faithfully until we gather with all your people and all the saints at the feast you have prepared for us.

Source of life, Christ of grace, Spirit of power, one God, holy and eternal, all praise and glory is yours, now and always.



And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

SONG: *Bless The Lord*

Bless the Lord, my soul
And bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
Who leads me into life

Bless the Lord, my soul
And bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
Who leads me into life

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And bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
Who leads me into life

SONG: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Come and fill our with your peace
You alone, O Lord, holy
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia

SONG: *Eat This Bread*

Eat this bread, Drink this cup
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, Drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

SONG: *Nothing Can Trouble*

Nothing can trouble
Nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall
Never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble
Nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

SONG: *In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
Lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop Mark J. Webb

*SONG: *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

Chorus

Verse 3

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Chorus

Verse 4

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

Chorus

BENEDICTION

Rev. Natalie Hanson

POSTLUDE

To honor the difference and diversity in each experience and expression of God, the leadership involved in crafting this worship environment seeks to embody an expansive understanding of God in our language and music. For this reason we seek to use a wide range of images and names for God recognizing that our expression or description of God should not be limited to one image, gender, or culture. May you find yourself in the presence of God in this place today.

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