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**Memorial Service
June 18, 2024**

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Northern Illinois Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Memorial Service

Remembering the Saints Triumphant

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 10:45 a.m.

Centering Words

Becca Rome

Prelude

Never Would Have Made It

Taeron Flemming-Moore

The Word of Grace

United Methodist Book of Worship

Mary Bohall

Jesus said, I am resurrection and I am life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I hold the keys of hell & death. Because I live, you shall live also.

Hymn

Jesus Remember Me

UMH# 488

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 23, NRSVUE

Rosa Lee

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, my whole life long.

A Blessing for Collective Grief by Kate Bowler

from *The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days*

Gary Greene

God, we are blindsided
what we thought was impossible,
even unthinkable
has brought us to our knees.

God, things don't make sense,
the innocent still suffer,
buildings still fall,
families still grieve.

Help us to know what to feel,
what to do,
how to grieve—together.

Blessed are we
who let reality in
though our bodies shudder.
blessed are we
who ask and wait, and ask again
for answers that may not come,
for hope that seems hard to find,
for comfort that is not easily found.

Along the way
show us how to live
when we've lost the things
we cannot get back.

Remind us that you, oh God,
are our home and our refuge
when life's cruelty and our fragility
are too difficult to shoulder alone.
be with us, oh God of all comfort.

Amen.

Hymn

Pues si vivimos (When We Are Living)

UMH# 356

1. Pues si vivimos, para Él vivimos,
y si morimos, para Él morimos.
Sea que vivamos o que muramos,
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

2. En esta vida frutos hay que dar
y buenas obras hemos de ofrendar.
sea ya que demos o que recibamos,
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

1. When we are Living, it is in Christ Jesus,
And when we're dying, it is in the Lord,
Both in our living and in our dying,
We belong to God, we belong to God.

2. Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
We belong to God, We belong to God.

Memorial Service (continued)

Blessing for the Brokenhearted by Jan Richardson

Jacqueline Ford

There is no remedy for love but to love more.—Henry David Thoreau

Let us agree
for now
that we will not say
the breaking
makes us stronger
or that it is better
to have this pain
than to have done
without this love.

Let us promise
we will not
tell ourselves
time will heal
the wound,
when every day
our waking
opens it anew.

Perhaps for now
it can be enough
to simply marvel
at the mystery
of how a heart
so broken
can go on beating,
as if it were made
for precisely this—

as if it knows
the only cure for love
is more of it,

as if it sees
the heart's sole remedy
for breaking
is to love still,

as if it trusts
that its own
persistent pulse
is the rhythm
of a blessing
we cannot
begin to fathom
but will save us
nonetheless.

Special Music

Fields of Grace by Herman Beeftink

Joe Johnson, Flute Soloist

Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, NRSVUE

G. Morris Jarkloh

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture. "I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and therefore we also speak, because we know that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence. Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us 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.

Sermon

Being Renewed

Bishop Dan Schwerin

Act of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Singing Together

O So So, Vs. 1

TFWS# 2232

Come now, of Price of Peace, Make us some body,
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Retired Clergy

Lowell Dean Allen, Oct. 14, 2023
Gessel Berry, Jr., Nov. 24, 2023
Philip Bergstrom, April 17, 2024
Frankella Brandon, Oct. 20, 2023
Allen R. Campbell, Nov. 10, 2023
James Campbell, Oct. 18, 2023
Eugene Carter, Oct. 31, 2023
Walter "Slim" Coleman, April 17, 2024
Daniel Facemyer, Sept. 22, 2023
Ron Greene, April 14, 2024
Berty Hakeem, June 27, 2023
Delbert Hargreaves, April 29, 2024
Irvine Huber, April 14, 2024
Richard Hundrieser, Jan. 16, 2024
Peter Youngkil Kim, Oct 25, 2023
Kermit Krueger, March 3, 2024

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Retired Clergy (continued)

Howard Leach, May 18, 2023
Donald Long, March 19, 2024
Morgan McLeland, Dec. 2, 2023
Thomas John Potenza, May 25, 2023
Kirk Scott, July 11, 2023
Harry Wainwright, Jr., Dec. 10, 2023
Charles Leslie Young, Dec. 28, 2023

Singing Together

O So So, Vs. 2

TFWS# 2232

Come now, O God of Love, make us one body,
Come, of Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.



Spouses of Active Clergy

Steve Starwalt, Aug. 6, 2023

Spouses of Retired Clergy

James Laban Glass, March 7, 2024
Don Niswonger, Dec. 24, 2023
James Rial, Nov. 10, 2023
Gilles Verboom, March 29, 2024
Tom Zolk, July 10, 2023

Surviving Spouses of Deceased Clergy

Nancy Sue Allen, July 23, 2023
Kiyoko Kasai Fujiu, June 27, 2023
Penelope Logan, July 5, 2023
Joyce Meyer, March 24, 2024
Elinor Sorenson, Sept. 30, 2023
Susan Vaughn, June 10, 2023
Irma Vautrin, Nov. 4, 2023
Betty Ann Wilson, Nov. 12, 2023



Singing Together

O So So, Vs. 3

TFWS# 2232

O-so-so o-so, so, Cha-yu eui im-gum
u-ri-ga han-mom i-ru-ge ha-so-so.

Lay Members to Annual Conference

Cindy Belle, River Forest UMC, Jan. 14, 2024
Lillie Childs, Chicago: Resurrection UMC, Aug., 8, 2023
Charles (Chuck) Dexter, Yorkville: Trinity UMC, April 18, 2024
Jim Kloeping, Chana UMC, June 8, 2023
Vickie Powell-Bass, Chicago: Wesley UMC, Nov. 17, 2023
Cindy Radigan, Chicago: Union Ave. UMC, Oct. 21, 2023

Singing Together

O So So, Vs. 4

TFWS# 2232

O-so-so o-so-so, tong-il eui in-gum,
u-ri-ga han-mom, i-ru-ge ha-so-so.

Memorial Service (continued)

Remembrance at tables

Hope Chernich

Leader: At each table there is a bowl of water and a pile of stones. Take a stone and feel it. Some are smooth and some are rough. Some are shiny and some are dull. As you hold your stone or stones... Remember one of the saints who now rests from their labor. One of the saints who has helped to make you who you are. One of the saints who lived their faith the best they knew how. One of the saints who has now joined the great cloud of witnesses. As you remember and give thanks for them, drop the stone in the water. See the ripples & maybe even feel the splashes. May their memory be a blessing.

Singing Together

O So So, Vs. 1

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Come now, of Price of Peace, Make us some body,
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Prayer

United Methodist Book of Worship

Norval Brown

Closing Hymn

How Great Thou Art

UMH# 77

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Benediction

Bishop Dan Schwerin

Postlude

He Looked Beyond my Fault

SOZ# 31

Thank you to our Participants

Bishop Dan Schwerin, Melwyn S. Alagodi, Jim Bell, Mary Bohall, Norval Brown, Fernando Candumbo de Castro, Kim Chapman (percussionist), Hope Chernich, Arlene Christopherson, Eddie Eddy, Jacqueline Ford, Fabiola Gandon-Mayer, Gary Greene, Arnold Hoskins, G. Morris Jarkloh, Joseph Johnson (musician), Rosa Lee, Melissa Meyers, D. Joshua Montgomery (musician), Cherie Quillman, Sharon Rice, Becca Rome, Siegfried Schwirblat, Addison Shields, Jr. (worship coordinator), Allyson Talbert, Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton (musician), Andi Voinavich

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