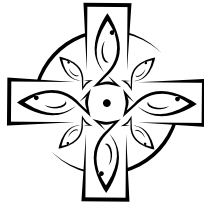


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I · AM · THE
I know that my
RESURRECTION
Redeemer liveth,
AND THE LIFE
and that he shall

SAITH · THE LORD · HE · THAT
stand at the latter day upon the earth;
BELIEVETH · IN · ME · THOUGH
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall
HE · WERE · DEAD · YET · SHALL · HE

I see God, whom
LIVE · AND
I shall see for myself,
WHOSOEVER
and mine eyes
LIVETH · AND
shall behold, and
BELIEVETH
not as a stranger.
IN · ME · SHALL
John 11:25-26; Job 19:25-27
NEVER · DIE.

A Service of Celebration for the Life of
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OCTOBER 6, 1930 - JUNE 7, 2021

THE PRELUDE

“God of the Ages”

Janis Maxwell

THE GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Martha Aenchbacher

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

“How Great Thou Art”

Stephen Mitchell, soloist

*** THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 23

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Timothy 4:7-8

THE WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Rev. Lori Firth Lampert

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THE ANTHEM

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Stephen Mitchell, soloist

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-3, 25-27

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Chuck Hodges

THE CLOSING PRAYER AND SPECIAL MUSIC

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*** THE HYMN 534**

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Verses 1 & 3

*** THE BENEDICTION**

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THE POSTLUDE

“Amazing Grace”

Whit Holder, bagpipes

* Please stand as you are able.

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