

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING
FOR THE LIFE OF
DR. SARVIS JOEL HEDGE COE
AUGUST 15, 2021
Two O'clock in the Afternoon

PRELUDE *Hymn Medley* Traditional
(Dr. Monica Spartzak, pianist)

PROCESSIONAL

THE WORD OF GRACE Dr. John Tyson

A COLLECT FOR BURIAL

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of Your servant, Joel, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of Your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *How Great Thou Art - Amazing Grace* Suki Wolf, soloist

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Deuteronomy 31:8* Dr. Elizabeth Tyson

* PSALM 23

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 forever.

* GLORIA PATRI (Spoken in unison)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

NAMING AND WITNESS Dr. David Hedgecoe

* THE GOSPEL LESSON *John 10:3-10*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON *An Abundant Life*

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our brother, Joel, let us pray to our Lord Jesus 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 Joel 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 Is Kept

COMMENDATION

Pastor: Give rest, O Christ, to Your servant, Joel, with Your saints

People: **where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Pastor: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did You ordain when You created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Give rest, O Christ, to Your servant, Joel, with Your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Joel. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech You, a sheep of Your own fold, a lamb of Your own flock, sinner of Your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of Your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

All: **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Lord's Prayer* Andrew Sánchez, soloist

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder* Traditional

Worship Leaders:

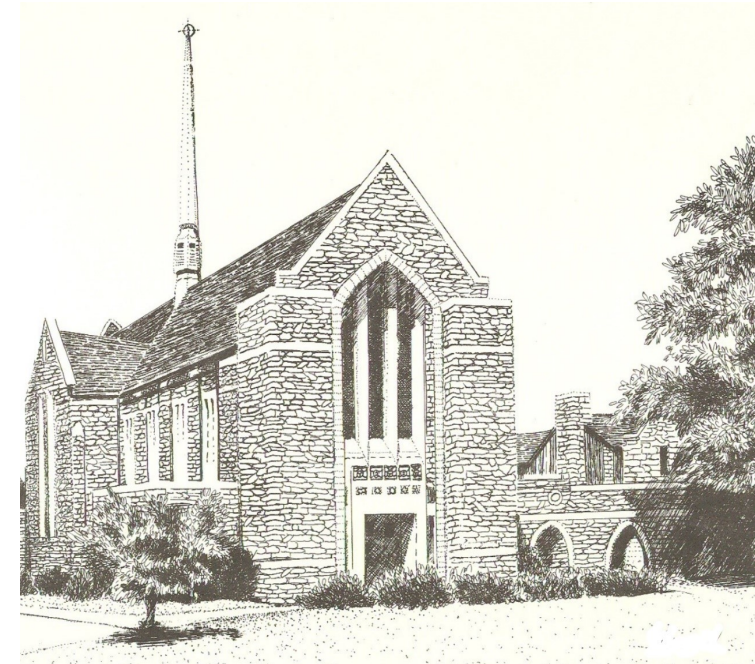
The Rev. Dr. John H. Tyson, Lead Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Tyson, Associate Pastor
Dr. Monica Spartzak, Pianist

* Please stand as you are able.
UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) TFWS (The Faith We Sing)



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The service of Death and Resurrection is an Easter Liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

This service, 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 death, 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 into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.