



MEMORIAL SERVICE

In Loving Remembrance

PRELUDE *There Is a Balm in Gilead* UMH 375

UMC Platteville Mallow Ringers

GREETING

Rev. Chris Chiyong Oh

Friends, we greet one another, giving thanks to God, and witnessing to our hope as we celebrate the precious gift of life. We come together in grief, acknowledging the enduring struggles and endless suffering of the past year of pandemic stress. Many of us mourn the loss of family and friends most beloved. Yet, we come together in gladness, acknowledging our divine hope. May God grant us strength in our inner being as we trust together love's resurrection power. A love whose breadth and depth and height knows no bounds. A love surpassing all. May God grant us grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, in death resurrection, in all things, the fullness of everlasting joy. May we offer together one heart of holy worship in loving remembrance. Amen¹

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jeremy Deaner

Giver of Breath and Life, we give thanks and praise for the glory of your creation, for the gift of love that fills our hearts, for your invitation to live faithfully in the way of Christ. We gather in a holy space of heaven on earth--One in the Spirit, One with each other, One in love divine. We enter together the Holy Mystery of death and resurrection with all who have gone before us, believing that in our living and dying, nothing can separate us from your promised love, binding, eternal, never forsaking. Bathe us in the light of Christ. Fill us with the Spirit of Christ. Anoint us with the healing touch of Christ. And grant us your divine consolation. Amen²

HYMN *Children of the Heavenly Father* UMH 141

Elizabeth Duewer, Soloist

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 27 & Psalm 48:14*

Rev. Seongmin Kim

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
I shall worry not and trust in God, my eternal guide, forever. Amen

CALL FOR THE OFFERING *Rising Sun Camp*

Rev. Rosita Mayorga

The Wisconsin Conference celebrates the important ministry of Rising Sun Camp, a United Methodist Camp for at-risk children ages 10-15 who have one or both parents incarcerated. The ministry includes "oasis in the desert" programs that provide creative expression through the arts, developmental life skills, study skills for academic achievement, and job readiness. All are invited to place your offerings in the collection trays on your table or go to the Wisconsin Annual Conference 2022 website "Videos and Materials" page "Offerings" link to find Rising Sun Camp. Let us open our hearts and minds with a spirit of generosity on behalf of this important life-giving ministry of loving support for the children. May God be praised!

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY *Rising Sun Camp*

¹ "Greeting" by The Rev. Jane Sommers.

² "Opening Prayer" by The Rev. Jane Sommers.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Rosita Mayorga

Giver of Breath and Life, you bless this world with hope in the gift of children and entrust them to our tender care. May these offerings give a measure of hope in return, that children will find your oasis of warm welcome as they journey through difficult days of separation from loved ones. Consecrate these gifts, we pray, and pour out your Spirit to lovingly touch the lives of all. May these gifts open the way of wonder. Amen

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 5:14-16*

Rev. Seongmin Kim

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

SERMON *Legacy of Light*

Rev. Forrest R. Wells

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Rev. Mulongo Mpyoyo

You, Lord, have shown us light:

The light of a million candles sharing their faith.

The light of saints past,

the living tradition of the redeemed,

the resurrection retelling,

the passing of this flame from generation to generation.

We Remember,

We Remember,

We Remember,

and because of you in them,

we walk in the candlelight of Christ.

Amen³

NAMING OF THE DEPARTED

Barbara A. Dick

SCRIPTURE *Revelation 21:1-6*

Rev. Seongmin Kim

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home^[a] of God is among mortals.

He will dwell^[b] with them;

they will be his peoples,^[c]

and God himself will be with them;^[d]

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ ⁶ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

³ Excerpt from “*Litany of Remembrance*” by The Rev. Nathan Decker.

HYMN *What Wondrous Love is This* UMH 292 vs 3&4

Elizabeth Dueser, Soloist

WORDS OF CONSOLATION *Psalm 23 adapted*

Rev. Rosita Mayorga

God our Shepherd, you extend to us a holy invitation to enter your vision for the healing of our souls. A vision in which we shall want for nothing. You invite us to rest in lush green pastures, you draw us near to the quiet waters of our soul's refreshment. You invite us to step upon the pathway of reverent love for you and in so doing bless your name. In the valley we walk in death's shadow, yet you invite us to fear no evil, to know always your Holy Presence, to find comfort and correction in your rod and staff of mercy, to come to your table in the midst of all that threatens and assails. Come, Spirit of Anointing, you pour out your oil of blessing. Fill our cup to overflowing, and surely then, we shall know your goodness and mercy, forever.⁴

HYMN *It is Well with My Soul* UMH 377 vs 1&4

Kirstin Boneske, Soloist

BENEDICTION

Bishop Jung

POSTLUDE *Amazing Grace* UMH 378

Gavin Koeller, Soloist

⁴ "Words of Consolation" by The Rev. Jane Sommers.



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