MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR WALTER STINE ISENHOWER APRIL 10, 1927 - DECEMBER 31, 2022

PRELUDE

We stand.

INVOCATION

- P We begin this service in the saving name in which Stine was baptized, and now rests and lives for all eternity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, T and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

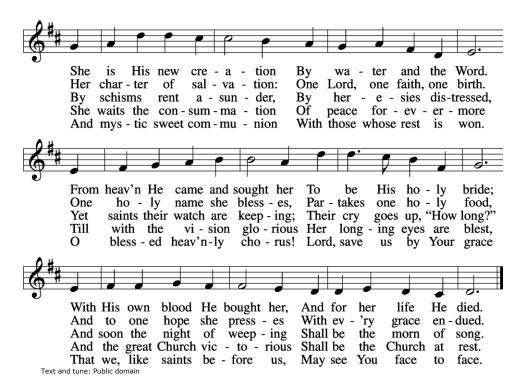
REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P We have gathered this day to remember the life and faith of Walter Stine Isenhower. To praise God for all that He has given us in him, and to thank God for the gift of grace which we possess by faith in Jesus Christ. We praise God for the comfort found in the seal of the holy cross placed upon Stine at his Baptism which marked him as one redeemed by Christ the Crucified and joined him with Jesus Christ in the resurrection of the dead. We thank God for redeeming Stine's life so that we may face the future with confidence in the eternal life that he now possesses. Thanks be to God, that in His grace, we do not grieve as those who have no hope, but as those who place their trust in God!





- all the earth:
- 2 E lect from ev 'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib u la tion And tu - mult ofher
- 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Stine and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper;

the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day,

nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep

your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 23

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 paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will 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 forever.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 13:11-14

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"What a Friend!"

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We stand.

VERSE

- P Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
- C to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C 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, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

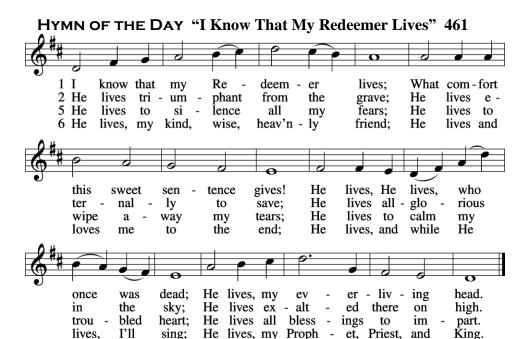
He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life \mathbb{T} everlasting. Amen. We sit.



- He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.
- He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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SERMON

"I'm Blessed!"

Pastor Paul Nelson

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

LORD'S PRAYER

NUNC DIMITTIS

- P "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."
- C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;

Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

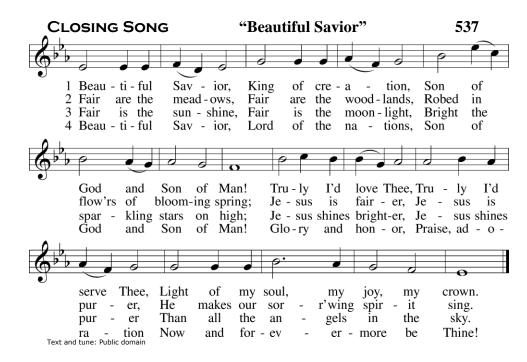
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and believes in Me will never die."

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.
- C Amen.
- P Let us go forth in peace,
- C in the name of the Lord. Amen.



POSTLUDE

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The large candle at the front of the sanctuary is the Paschal Candle, or Christ Candle. It is used particularly at Funeral Services, and at Baptisms to remind us of the intimate connection each Christian has with the Savior.

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To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go. I have so much to see and do. You must not tie yourself to me with tears. Be happy that we had so many years; I gave you my love. You cannot guess how much you gave to me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown, but now it's time I travel alone. So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must, Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for awhile that we must part, So bless the memories within your heart. I won't be far away, for life goes on, So if you need me, call and I will come. Though you cannot see or touch me, I'll be there and if you listen with your heart, You'll hear all my love around you soft and clear And then when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and say welcome home.