



*A Service of Witness to the Resurrection  
Celebrating the Life of  
Dennis Johnson*

PRELUDE & SLIDESHOW

Erin DeBoer-Moran

WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Larges

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Rev. Kara Root

Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God."

Cease striving and trust I am God.

SONG **Be Still and Know**

Composed by John Bell

*Be still and know*

*that I am God*

*Be still and know*

*that I am God.*

PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy God, you see us as we are,

discern our inmost thoughts,  
and love us with a never-ending love.  
So we come to you in honesty:

We confess we have not always sought or done your will.  
We forget that all life comes from you,  
and that to you all life returns.  
We have not lived as your grateful children,  
nor loved as Christ loved us.  
We have chosen fear, distraction and isolation,  
instead of the joy, wonder and connection for which we are  
made. Only your grace can sustain us.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us,  
heal us and make us whole.  
Set us free from our sin,  
restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
and help us receive the fullness of a life well lived  
that you offer us every day.  
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Lisa Larges

SONG    *How Great Thou Art*

Author: Carl Gustav Boberg, Translator: Stuart K. Hine (1949)

*Oh Lord, my God*

*When I, in awesome wonder*

*Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made*

*I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin  
(Refrain)*

*When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration  
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art  
(Refrain)*

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1, Psalm 121**

### **2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1**

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for 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.

### **Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved;  
God who keeps you will not slumber.

God who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
God will keep your life.

The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.

**SONG**    **My Soul Finds Rest (Psalm 62)**

Erin DeBoer-Moran

*TEXT & MUSIC: Sandra McCracken*

*Congregation joins in refrain:*

*My soul finds rest in God alone*

*My salvation comes from God*

*My soul finds rest, God is my home*

*I will not be shaken, I will not be shaken*

**AFFIRMATION OF TRUST**    **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power

and the glory forever, Amen.

**PRAYER OF GRATITUDE FOR DENNIS**

*Sharing prayer*

**SONG**    **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Text: Thomas Chisholm, 1923, Music: William Marion Runyan, 1923

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father*

*There is no shadow of turning with Thee*

*Thou changes not, Thy compassion's, they fail not*

*As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be*

Refrain:

*Great is Thy faithfulness*

*Great is Thy faithfulness*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest*

*Sun, moon and stars in their courses above*

*Join with all nature in manifold witness*

*To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love*

*(Refrain)*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth*

*Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide*

*Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow*

*Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

*(Refrain)*

## COMMENDATION

**BLESSING**      *Blest Be the Tie That Binds & Romans 15:13*

(from Dennis)

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

Written by John Fawcett, 1782, Tune: DENNIS (Nageli)

*Blest be the tie that binds*

*our hearts in Christian love;*

*the fellowship of kindred minds*

*is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.*

*When we are called to part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.*

*This glorious hope revives  
our courage by the way;  
while each in expectation lives  
and waits to see the day.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.*

Romans 15:13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

**BENEDICTON**



*Watching the geese  
go south,  
I find that  
even in silence  
and even in my home  
alone  
without a thought  
or a movement,*

*I am part of a great  
migration  
that will take me  
to another place.*

*And though  
all the things I love  
may pass away and  
the great family  
of things and people  
I have invited  
around me  
will see me go,*

*I feel them living  
In me  
like a great gathering  
about to go with me,  
to reach  
a greater home.*

*When one thing dies  
all things  
die together,  
and must live again  
in a different way,  
when one thing  
is missing  
everything is missing,  
and must be found  
again  
in a new whole,*

*and everything  
wants to be complete,  
everything wants  
to go home  
and the geese  
traveling south  
are like the shadow  
of my breath  
flying into the darkness  
on great heart-beats  
to the unknown land  
where I belong.*

*- David Whyte  
From "What I Must Tell  
Myself," in Still Possible.*

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