

**Celebration of the Life of
Charles Clayton Schombs
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OPENING ANTHEMS

The Servant Song
We Shall Overcome

arr. Michael Burkhardt
arr. Lloyd Larson
Jen Renfroe, Soprano

Please stand as able.

Celebrant I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

OPENING HYMN H-287

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

(stanzas 1, 4, 5, 6)

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again,
and arms are strong. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the West;
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia, alleluia!**

THE OPENING PRAYER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray... O God, of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Charles. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-3

Lector A reading from Isaiah, chapter 61...

Christine Tsotsos

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46

People God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice;
the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.” The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Lector A reading from Revelation, chapter 7...

Mary Ann Wigmore

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

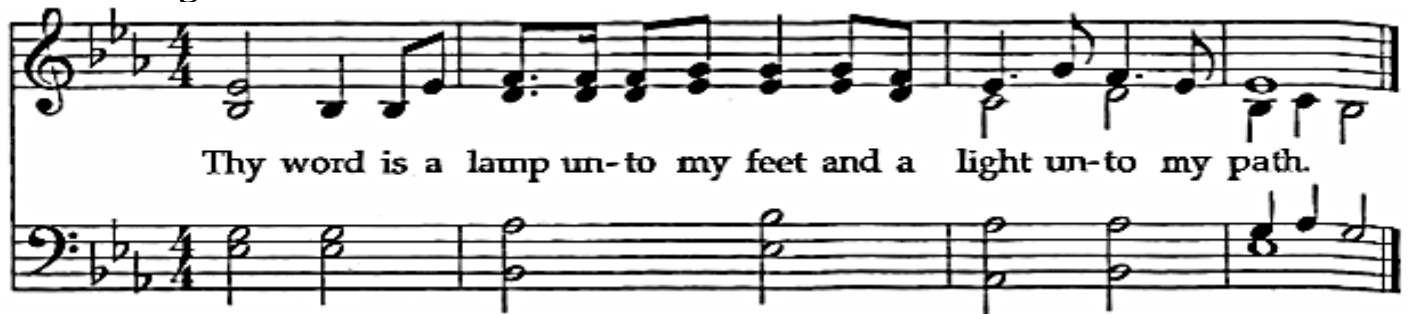
People **The Lord is my shepherd; there can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul,
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me;
Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

GOSPEL HYMN

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

THY WORD

all sing:



Solo: When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way, still you’re there right beside me,
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
(*all repeat refrain*)

THE GOSPEL

John 10:11-16

Please stand as able.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

EULOGIES

Jacob Schombs
Anneliese Schombs
Brennan Schombs
Michelle Schombs

HOMILY

the Reverend Whitney Burton

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand as able.

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand or kneel, as you choose.

Lector For our brother Charles, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ 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 Charles, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Lector You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Lector You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Lector You promised paradise to the thief who repented;
bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Lector Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit;
give him fellowship with all your saints.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Lector He was nourished with your Body and Blood;
grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Lector Comfort us in our sorrows at the death our brother; let our faith be our consolation,
and eternal life our hope.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Charles who was reborn by water
and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over
death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father’s love. Give us, we
pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way: and where you live and reign with
the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE – WE REMEMBER THEM

Rabbi Kate Shulamit Fagan

<i>Reader</i>	In the rising of the sun and in its going down
<i>People</i>	we remember them.
<i>Reader</i>	In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
<i>People</i>	we remember them.
<i>Reader</i>	In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,
<i>People</i>	we remember them.
<i>Reader</i>	In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
<i>People</i>	we remember them.
<i>Reader</i>	In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
<i>People</i>	we remember them.
<i>Reader</i>	In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
<i>People</i>	we remember them.
<i>Reader</i>	When we are weary and in need of strength,
<i>People</i>	we remember them.
<i>Reader</i>	When we are lost and sick at heart,
<i>People</i>	we remember them.
<i>Reader</i>	When we have joys we yearn to share,
<i>People</i>	we remember them.
<i>Reader</i>	So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us,
<i>People</i>	as we remember them.

*by Rabbi Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer from Gates of Prayer,
published by Central Conference of American Rabbis*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY

Be Not Afraid

Bob Dufford
Cindy Huffman, Alto

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant adds a proper preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS S-125

Richard Proulx

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the Chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.

If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION

Surely the Presence of the Lord

WOLFE

(all singing)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. *(Repeat)*

Taste and See

James E. Moore

(all sing this refrain, cantor sings the stanzas)



THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE COMMENDATION

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
All **where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Charles.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a 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.**

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN H-662

Abide With Me

EVENTIDE

(stanzas 1, 3, 4)

**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless, ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on AMAZING GRACE

J. Christopher Pardini

THE COMMITTAL

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies
Through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,
And in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Then, while earth is cast, the Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to Almighty God our brother Charles, and we commit his body to the ground;
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him
and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;

People **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

Celebrant May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All **Amen.**

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**



SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Organist	Tom Huffman
Soprano Soloist	Jen Renfroe
Alto Soloist	Cindy Huffman
Eulogists	Anneliese, Jacob, Brennan, and Michelle Schombs
Servers	Miriam Benitez-Nixon and Joe Nixon
Ushers	Jay Harvey and John Schmidt Tony Bowman and Gerry Boone
Crucifers	Laura McGary

Bring Me There (*for Michelle*) by Charles Schombs

We stood there
where the sky teases the granite crested shoreline
and where the shore kisses the sea
and we looked towards the outcropping of rocks
fifty yards from where the Carmel River
frothy and panting
hurls itself into the blue and thirsty sea
and where the sea
in its time
gives itself in return
to the marsh at the south end of Carmelo
“There!” I said. “Do you see it?!”
“That’s the place!”
And in a moment we secured our bearings
and peered through branches of gnarled cypress.
“When it’s time
bring me to that place
where granite meets the sea
and set me loose at the shoreline
on the outgoing tide.
Where I can hear the cormorant’s cry
the bark of harbor seals
and watch as the mizzening mist
from the Lobos Point
settles over the shoreline
and where I might on a starry night
hear an old man
in sonorous tone
speak of hawks and towers
and of the unrelenting love
he had for his wife
as do I for you.

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