

**A Celebration of the Life
Of James Jeffrey Kay
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PRELUDE: *Over the Rainbow*
Wind Beneath your Wings

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION

Welcome in the name of the one who created all there is, the lark and the deer, the fish and the tree, the water and the earth, wind and the rain. We gather this day to remember our brother, Jim, a son, a brother, a husband, a father, an artist; to give thanks for having him in our lives.

GREETING

The grace of the creator, the love that heals all things,
and the spirit of a life well lived be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Universe, we remember before you today our brother Jim. We thank you for allowing us to know and to love him as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the dust of the earth to bring new life for those yet to come. Remember us in such a way that our grief will lead to more confidence in our place in this world.

Amen.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE: *We take this time to remember our brother Jim, who he was for us, the stories that help us take the best of him with us, the stories that remind us to enjoy this life that we have.*

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING: Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

⁹What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. ¹¹He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. ¹⁴I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. ¹⁵That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

SERMON

SOLO: *Amazing Grace*

Richard Edmonds, soloist

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Each petition ends with God of mercy.

Hear our prayer.

...God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. **Amen.**

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Jim to the Universe that contains all matter and all life.

Silence for reflection.

Into the winds of the Universe we commend our fellow pilgrim Jim. 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.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the silence of the hills,
the joy of the winds,
the peace of the fields,
the music of the birds,
the fire of the sun,
the strength of the trees,
and the faith of a little child,
in all of which is God
go with you and be with you today and always.

Amen

POSTLUDE

James (Jim) Kay February 7, 1946 - July 16, 2022

Jim passed away on July 16 at the age of 76, from complications following many years of Parkinson's Disease. Jim was born in Seattle, WA to Marian and James Kay. He attended Ballard High School and graduated from the University of Washington in graphic design. He worked for the City of Seattle Parks Dept for 30 years.

Jim and Marilyn married in 1973 and over the years enjoyed entertaining and had many parties and gatherings. He was an artist at heart and loved color and design and beautiful things. He loved shopping for exotic garden plants, works of art and furniture. During their marriage they built 2 houses in Bothell and had one daughter, Megan, in 1988. Megan was his pride and joy. He loved their annual vacations to Lake Chelan and many weekends at their family home on Whidbey Island, trips to Mexico, Hawaii, and Europe. He also enjoyed the trips to Pullman for WSU Dad's weekend.

Jim was kind and generous and had a great sense of humor which attracted many friends. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marilyn Schupp Kay and daughter Megan Kay Hosmer (Adam), his twin sister, Julie Kay Olson, and many nieces and nephews. He is greatly missed but now at peace.

Memorials may be made to First Lutheran Church Endowment Fund or Michael J. Fox Foundation.

Assisting with Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor:

Rev. Tor K. Berg

Organ / Piano:

Lucy Kay Osborne

Soloist:

Richard Edmonds

Altar Guild:

Donna Hillard

Reception Coordinators:

Ruth Neitzel & Marilyn Sides