

FUNERAL

July 15, 2023

11:00 am

Diane R. (Fink) Mills

March 30, 1941

June 28, 2023

PRELUDES to include:

Shall We Gather at the River

Callahan

Ali Backlund, Flute

Goin' Home

Dvorak

Augustus Singers

Stand

GATHERING

The ministers may meet the coffin at the entrance to the church. The assembly stands and faces them.

- ☐ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

A thanksgiving for baptism may follow. As a sign of being clothed with Christ in baptism, a pall may be placed on the coffin.

- ☐ When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

The presiding minister may sprinkle the coffin with water following each petition:

- ☐ Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

C We glorify you.

P Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life,
who suffered death for all humanity,
who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life,
we praise you.

C We praise you.

P Holy Spirit, author and giver of life,
the comforter of all who sorrow,
our sure confidence and everlasting hope,
we worship you.

C We worship you.

P To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

C Amen.

*A procession may form and enter, the ministers leading. A hymn, psalm,
or anthem may be sung.*

HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Diane. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

A A reading from Ecclesiastes.

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121 (*read in unison by all*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord,

the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

the Lord watches over you;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

so that the sun shall not strike you by day,

nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;

it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,

from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

A A reading from Romans.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (*read in unison by all*)

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**He makes me to lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside the still waters.**

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear
no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble
me;**

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life,**

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Stand

GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

☞ The holy gospel according to John.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. 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, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place 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.”

☞ The gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

REMEMBRANCES

Brad Mills

SERMON

Pastor Kochenderfer

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: Rock of Ages

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

MUSICAL OFFERING: *I'll Fly Away*
Augustus Singers

Raney

APOSTLES' CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Let us pray.

A Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.
Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ.
Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Give courage and faith to all who mourn,
and a sure and certain hope in your loving care,
that, casting all their sorrow on you,
they may have strength for the days ahead.
Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by
faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain,
your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life.
Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand,
to believe and trust in the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.
Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P 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 believers.
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.

C **Amen.**

*A service with communion continues with the peace. Following the
prayer after communion, the service continues with the commendation.*

A service without communion continues as follows.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C **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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

COMMENDATION

The ministers take their places at the coffin. The presiding minister leads the commendation.

P Let us commend Diane to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

The presiding minister may place her/his hand on the coffin during this prayer.

P Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Diane.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you,
a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.

Receive her into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

C **Amen.**

A farewell may be sung or said:

- ☪** Into paradise may the angels lead you.
At your coming may the martyrs receive you,
and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.
May a choir of angels welcome you,
and, where Lazarus is poor no more,
may you have everlasting rest.

If the committal occurs at another time, a blessing may precede these words of sending.

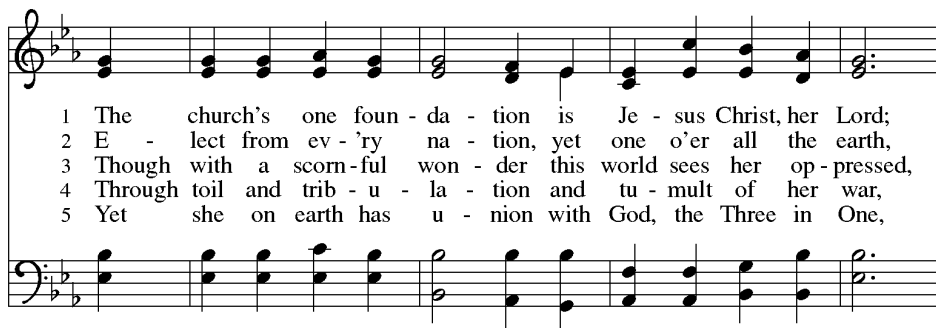
- ☪** Let us go forth in peace,
☪ in the name of Christ. Amen.

A procession may form and leave the church, the ministers leading.

HYMN: The Church's One Foundation

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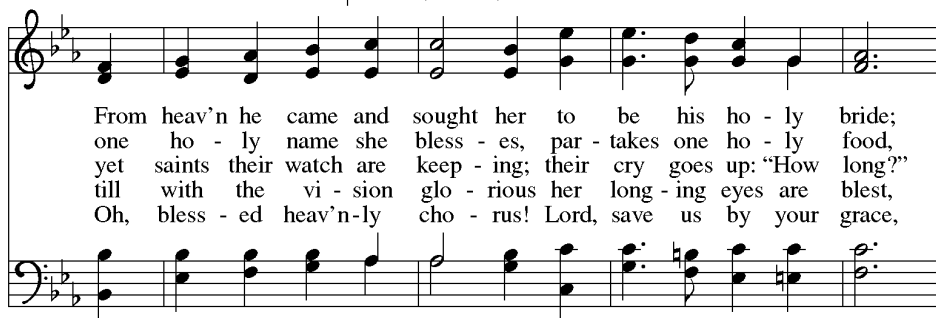
The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



COMMITTAL

The ministers precede the coffin to the place of interment. Words of comfort from the scriptures may accompany or conclude the procession.

The presiding minister greets the assembly.

P Grace and peace from our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

P Let us pray.

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our sister Diane, whose body we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise her up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

A scripture reading may follow.

A A reading from First Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The coffin may be lowered into the grave or placed in its resting place.

P In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to almighty God our sister Diane,
and we commit her body to
the ground;
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

P The Lord bless her and keep her.
The Lord make his face shine on her and be gracious to her
The Lord look upon her with favor and ✝ give her peace.

C Amen.

The following response may be sung, or may be spoken by the minister.

P Rest eternal grant her, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon her.

P May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, ✝ rest in peace.

C Amen

P O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life,
until the shadows lengthen
and the evening comes
and the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, in your mercy,
grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,
and peace at the last;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

The assembly is blessed and sent forth.

P Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

A Let us go in peace.



Officiant: The Reverend Thomas Kochenderfer
Organist: Mrs. Laurie Mueller, CAGO