

Pleasant View

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SERVICE OF *Remembrance*

Life Beyond a Memory

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish,
but have eternal life. "*

John 3:16

Prelude

OPENING PRAYER

When Peace like a River

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.*

Refrain

*My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.*

Refrain

*And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.*

Refrain

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 21:1-7, 1

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command,

with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

RESPONSIVE READING

I will extol Thee, O LORD, for Thou hast lifted me up, and hast not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to Thee for help, and Thou didst heal me.

O LORD, Thou has brought up my soul from Sheol; Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

Sing praise to the LORD, you His godly ones, and give thanks to His holy name.

For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for a lifetime;
Weeping may last for the night, but a shout of Joy comes in the morning.

Now as for me, I said in my prosperity, "I will never be moved."

O LORD, by Thy favor Thou hast made my mountain to stand strong; Thou didst hide Thy face, I was dismayed.

To Thee, O LORD, I called, and to the LORD I made supplication:

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise Thee? Will it declare Thy faithfulness?"

"Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me; O LORD, be Thou my helper."

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing; Thou hast loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;

That my soul may sing praise to Thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, will give thanks to Thee forever.

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.**

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Refrain

Message

"Life Everlasting"

John 11:17-25

REMEMBERING WITH THANKSGIVING TO GOD (CONGREGATION WILL READ THE BOLD PRINT)

With grateful hearts, O Lord,

We remember before You this day...

Our ancestors of long ago, that great company of "heroes of faith" whose living trust in You, recorded in Your sacred Word, becomes the inspiration for our own.

Inspire us by their memory, O Lord,

To hear Your Word with faithful hearts as they once did and, hearing, to obey with Spirit-driven trust in You and dedication to Your will. With grateful hearts, O Lord,

We remember before You this day...

Your faithful followers of every age – among them our own mothers and fathers, pastors and teachers – called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit's guiding to be Your holy Church, by whose faithful witness the Gospel of Your grace has reached at last even to us.

Inspire us by their memory, O Lord,

To be Your Church indeed, here and wherever You would send us in Your service, that by faithful words and loving deeds we may pass on the gift of life in Jesus Christ that conquers even death. With grateful hearts, O Lord,

We remember before You this day...

The founders of our own nation and our ancestors who left their homes abroad to serve You in freedom here, and those who gave their lives that we might live in peace here in this land of liberty.

Inspire us by their memory, O Lord.

That we may live together in true harmony as Your children, striving to preserve and share with all Your gracious gifts of peace and freedom, justice and equality, and all that is our favored heritage. With grateful hearts, O Lord,

We remember before You this day...

Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, along with friends who lived with us here at Pleasant View, whom You have called in Your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

Inspire us by their memory, O Lord,

To carry on their work in this our day, caring for the sick and grieving, the hungry and homeless, the lost and lonely, until at length You call us too, by Your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them there where memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy!

Amen.

Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given us a glimpse of that great multitude that no one can number, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before Your throne and the Lamb, with palm branches in their hands, and singing Your praises. We thank You for calling home those brothers and sisters in Christ for whom we had the privilege to care for and share our lives together here at Pleasant View:

Remembering our beloved ones...

(After the reading of names, please join in silent prayer)

Help us Lord Jesus to thank You for calling home our loved ones who died in faith in you. As You have washed them white with Your own precious blood so keep us as well in the faith all the days of our life and grant to us the promised inheritance to come through faith in You. As You seek to lead us through the valley of the shadow of death in our final exodus of life may we not be turned from You by the enemy of our souls, but rather follow Your footsteps oh Christ who has gone on before us to prepare that place in heaven for all who believe in You. Train our tear-filled eyes oh Lord to look to You and that promise You make of heaven to come where there will be no more tears and no more crying. In Your Name. Amen

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

***Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.***

*God be with you till we meet again; neath His wings protecting hide you;
Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; sicknesses and sorrows taking,
Never leaving or forsaking; God be with you till we meet again.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above Ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

We are thankful to everyone who joined us at this special service today. We especially want to thank all our volunteers who serve so faithfully.



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