

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection
for
Naomi Rosalind Walker Caldwell
May 1, 1939 to March 29, 2022



April 9, 2022
4:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church
1215 V.E.S. Road
Lynchburg, Virginia

MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Those who are able, please stand.

People are invited to join together in all words printed in bold.

Prelude: Abide With Me

Call to Worship

***Hymn:** How Great Thou Art #467

*O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (**Refrain**)*

*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 there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" (**Refrain**)*

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn:** Be Thou My Vision #339

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

***Call to Confession**

*Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Assurance of Pardon and Affirmation of Faith: Amazing Grace #280

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.*

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading: Psalms 46, 91, 23

Reading: "On Death", by Kahil Gibran

New Testament Reading:

Romans 8:31-39; Revelation 21:1-4

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Homily and Celebration of Life

Walter R. Smith

Words of Remembrance

***Hymn: It is Well With My Soul**

*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*

Refrain

*It is well with my soul
It is well, It is well with my soul*

*Tho' Satan should buffet Tho' 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 tho't
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord O my soul (**Refrain**)*

*And Lord haste the day When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well With my soul (**Refrain**)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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. 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.

***Hymn God Be With You Till We Meet Again #540**

*God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again;
Unseen 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;
When life's perils thick confound you;
Put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Strike death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

Blessing and Benediction

***Recessional: Peace Like River**

The family will greet friends at a reception
in the Narthex following the service.

The Rev. Dr. Walter R. Smith, Officiating
The Rev. Dr. Peter A. Thompson - *Pastor*
Cory Whittier – *Organist/ Choir Director*
