Rev. James Ralph Nelson

A Service of Celebration and Remembrance

May 23, 2021
Richfield United Methodist Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Rev. James Ralph Nelson  
October 8, 1934—November 15, 2020

Prelude  
Nancy Dierauer, organ  
“All Hymn Medley” Annalise Nelson, violin

Words of Grace and Greeting  
Rev. Nate Melcher

Solo  
“Be Thou My Vision”  
Trad. Irish  
Sandy Schoenecker, soloist

Prayer and The LORD’s Prayer

Our God, 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. Amen.

Prayer  
“When I have a hole of loss in my heart”  
From Ash and Starlight  
  by Arianne Lehn  
Mary Murphy, reader

Solo  
“The Road Home”  
by Stephen Paulus/text: Michael Dennis Browne  
Sandy Schoenecker, soloist
Scripture       Isaiah 61:1-3, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Sermon             Rev. Nate Melcher

Witness               Annalise Nelson, Jim’s daughter
                      Lee Drutman, Jim’s son-in-law
                      Kevin Caldwell, Jim’s nephew
                      Rev. Arlen Solem, Chaplain, Emerald Crest
                      Charles Kiefer, Jim’s brother-in-law

Clergy Service Affirmation  Rev. Dan Johnson

Solo                  “Goin’ Home” by A. Dvořák
                      Sandy Schoenecker, soloist

Commendation

Instrumental “Ashokan Farewell” by Jay Ungar
                      Annalise Nelson, violin

Benediction

Postlude “When the Saints Go Marching In” Traditional
                      “Fugue in Eb” by J. S. Bach
Thank you for gathering to celebrate and remember our dear friend, Jim, today. His family expresses their heartfelt gratitude for your prayers and support.

Memorial are preferred to Richfield United Methodist Church operations fund, thank you.
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Worship Leaders:
Organist: Nancy Dierauer
Violinist: Annalise Nelson
Vocalist, Sandy Schoenecker
Presider: Rev. Nate Melcher
Tech Crew: Bill Johnson
Usher: Jerry Schilling

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