

A Celebration of Life
W. Herbert “Herb” Doty



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Prelude “It Is Well with My Soul” by Bliss/arr. Rogers
Sonja Gustafson

Words of Grace and Greeting Rev. Nate Melcher

Gathering Hymn* “Blessed Assurance” UM Hymnal 369

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

Centering Prayer

Psalm 23 (unison)

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

Solo "On Eagle's Wings" by Michael Joncas
Brad Gardner, soloist

Congregation, please join in on the refrain.

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading Psalm 103:1-5, 15-18, 22

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting

on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Rev. Nate Melcher

Witness

Dan and Dave Doty
David S. Doty

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Solo

"How Great Thou Art"
Brad Gardner, soloist

by Stuart K. Hine

Prayer of Commendation

Benediction

Postlude

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

by Drese/arr. Cherwien



Thank you for gathering to celebrate and remember our dear friend, Herb, today. His family expresses their heartfelt gratitude for your prayers and support. All are welcome to join the family immediately following the service for a light luncheon.

Memorials are preferred to Richfield Historical Society (richfieldhistory.org), thank you.

Obituary and Guestbook:

startribune.com/obituaries/detail/0000477490

We thank those who help make worship a ministry of grace:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Brad Gardner, Sonja Gustafson

Officiant: Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, Steve Warner

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