



*John Frank Schleifer, Jr.*

**IN CELEBRATION OF LIFE OF  
JOHN FRANK SCHLEIFER, JR.**

**August 12, 1945 – November 9, 2023**

**December 2, 2023  
11:00 a.m.**

**PRELUDE**

*O Mensch, beweine dein' Sünde groß*  
BWV 622 from *Orgelbüchlein*

Kristen Pomietlarz  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

*Deep River*

African-American Spiritual  
arr. Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

*Nimrod* from *Enigma Variations*

Edward Elgar  
(1857-1934)

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

**WELCOME**

**THE RESURRECTION PROCLAMATION**

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

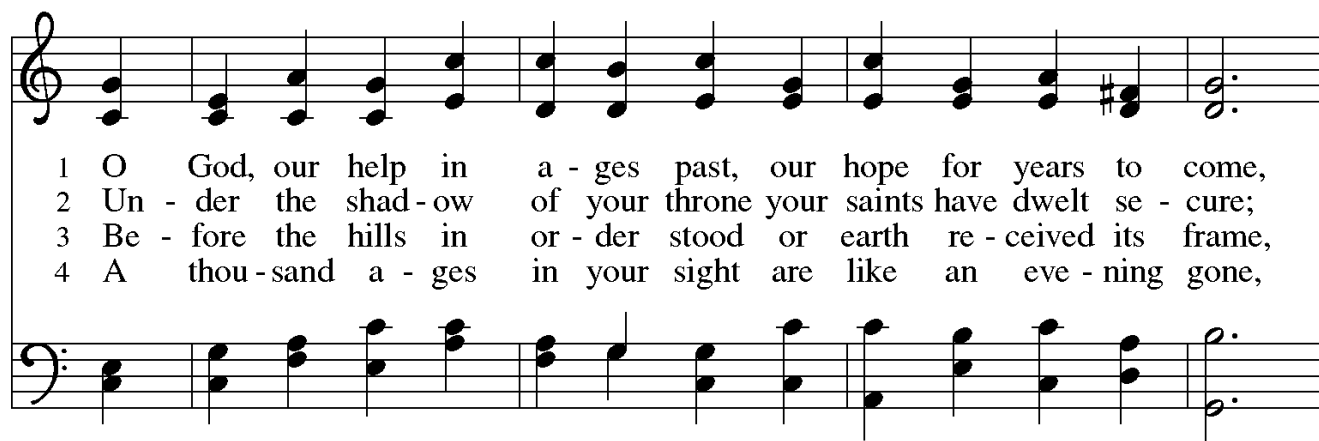
**P** When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Jesus in a death like his, we shall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

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

## THE GATHERING HYMN

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ELW 632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, **John Frank**. We thank you for giving him 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 your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **THE FIRST READING**

Read by Glenn Begert

### **Psalms 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff —  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SOLO**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Albert Hay Malotte

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

## **A SPECIAL WORD**

Read by Harris Wienke

## **THE SECOND READING**

Read by Harris Wienke

### **2 Timothy 4:7-8**

A reading from Timothy, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **REFLECTIONS**

Terry Whieldon  
John Schleifer, III  
Eric Schleifer  
Lynn Glieco

## **FAITH-FRIENDS-FAMILY**

*(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel, as you are able)*

## **THE GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel accord to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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?

<sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going.

How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gosepl of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Neil Kattermann

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## *On Eagle's Wings*

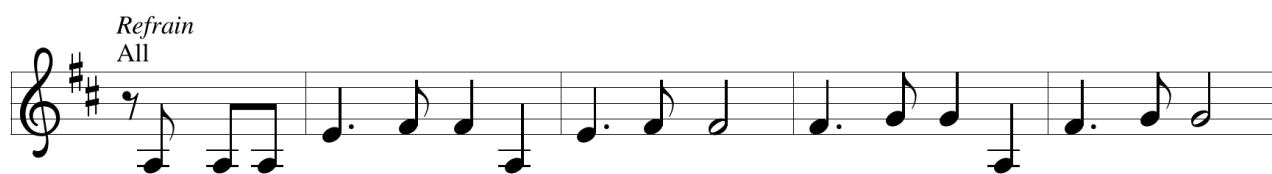
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1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea- gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un - der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All  
3

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

*Refrain*

day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All  
3

4 For to the an-gels God's giv - en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Final refrain*  
All

And he will raise you up on ea- gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

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## **CREED**

**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 to the dead. 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.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

**Let us pray.**

**Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.**

**Hear us, Lord.**

**Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.**

**Hear us, Lord.**

**Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.**

**Hear us, Lord.**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

Help us, we pray, 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.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

Grant us grace to entrust **John Frank** to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor you bear for your people.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

Into your hands, dear Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your promises, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **THE 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 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **MILITARY HONORS**

## THE COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, **John Frank**. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

## THE CLOSING HYMN

*For All the Saints*

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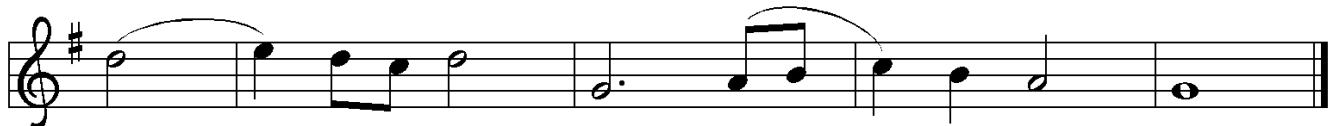
- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.*  
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the  
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



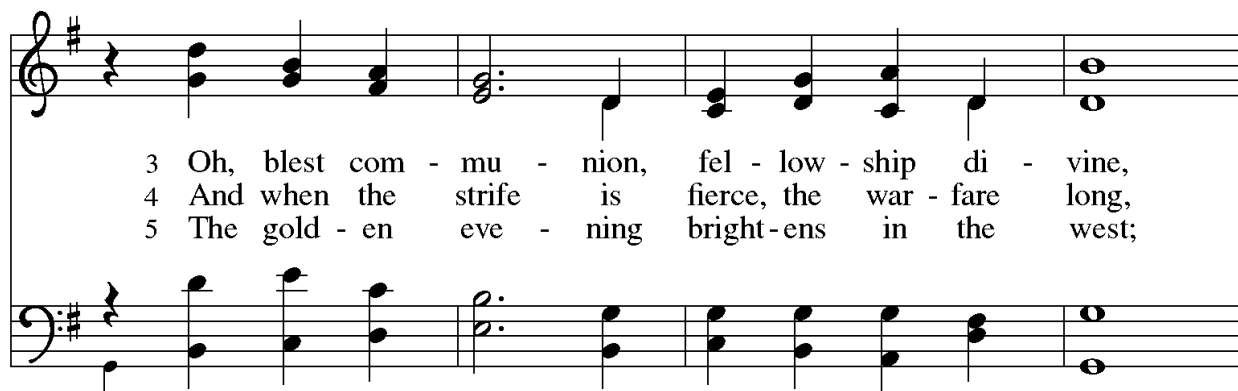
thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .  
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the  
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



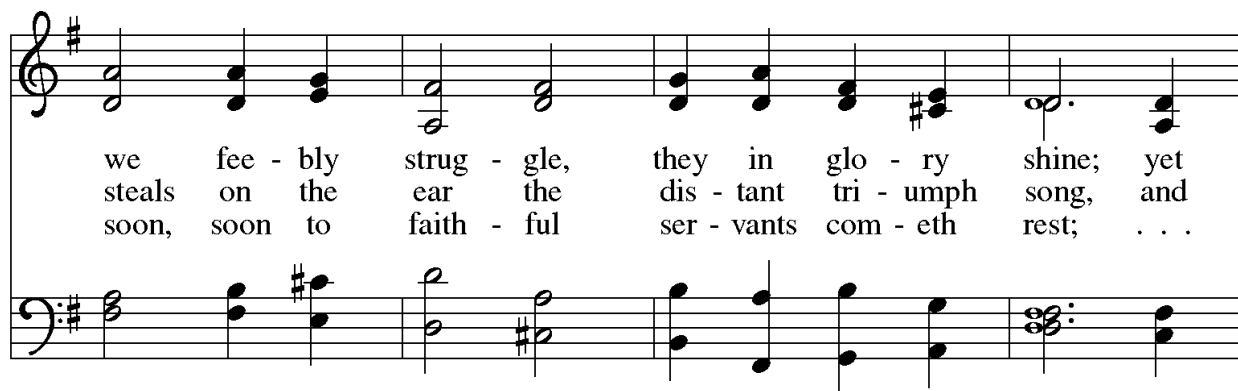
name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.  
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



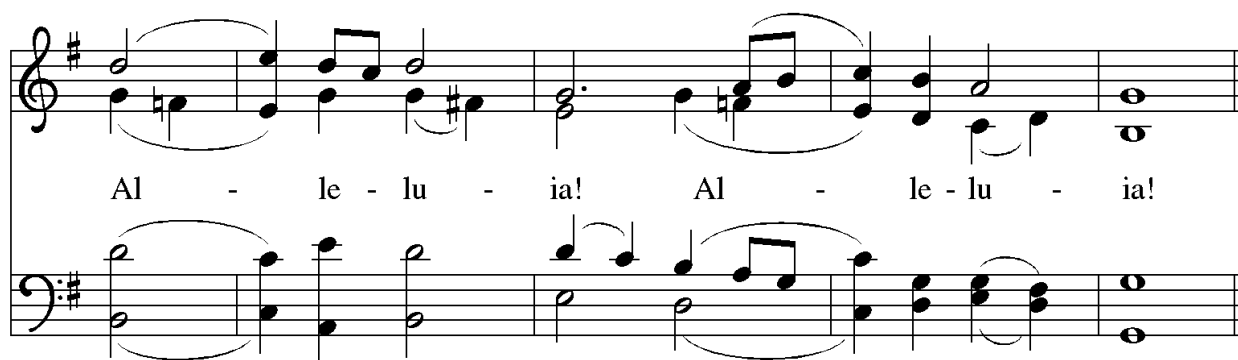
3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,  
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet  
steals on the ear the dis - distant tri - umph song, and  
soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .



all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
hearts are a - gain and arms are strong.  
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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P Let us go forth in peace.

C **In the name of Christ. Amen**


*The Ringing of the Tower Bells*

## **POSTLUDE**

*God of Grace, God of Glory*

Paul Manz  
(1919-2009)

*The Family invites you to join them  
downstairs in Redeemer Hall for a reception.*



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of John may be made to:

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