A sunset over a field of blue cornflowers and golden wheat. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The foreground is filled with tall stalks of wheat and several blue cornflowers in various stages of bloom.

*Eye hath not seen,  
nor ear heard...  
the things which  
**GOD**  
hath prepared  
for them  
that  
love him*



# † Soli Deo Gloria †

*The Worship Service Celebrating  
The Heavenly Homecoming of Mike Dixon  
July 24, 1946 – March 28, 2021*

Prelude

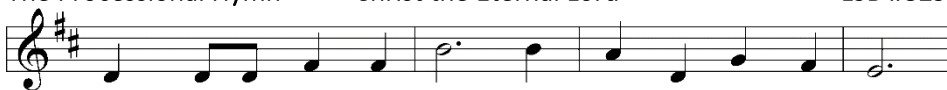
Welcome and Greeting

*Please Stand*

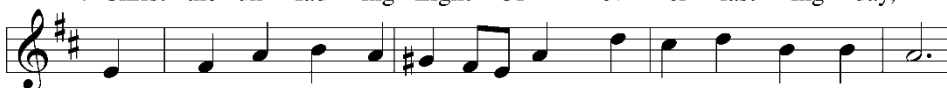
The Processional Hymn

“Christ the Eternal Lord”

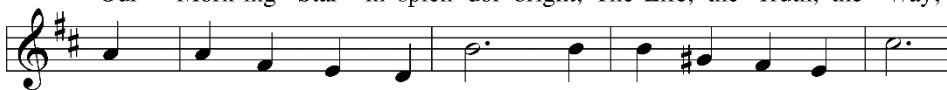
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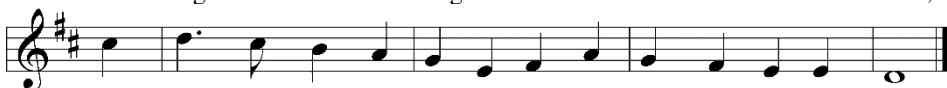
1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On all who name Your name;  
Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip-ture's page;  
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,  
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.  
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.  
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing,  
Whom yet unseen we love; When mortal life is past,  
Your voice from heaven's throne  
Shall call Your children home at last, To know as we are known.

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The Invocation and Opening Litany

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

- P** In baptism we have been buried with Christ.
- C** **And we shall LIVE with Him.** (*Jn.6*)
- P** Listen, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. (*I Cor. 15:51*)
- C** **The perishable shall be clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.** (*I Cor. 15:53*)
- P** Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? (*I Cor. 15:54-55*)
- C** **But thanks be to God! He GIVES us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** (*I Cor. 15:57*)
- P** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (*Jn. 11:25-26*)
- C** **I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end, He shall stand upon the earth.** (*Job 19:25*)
- P** He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. (*Rev. 21:4*)
- C** **He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come Lord Jesus!** (*Rev. 22:20*)
- A** **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

### Revelation 7:9–17

*After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

# Obituary

## The Prayer

**P** Let us pray

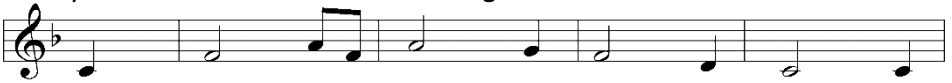
**C** O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today Mike, our brother in Christ. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion on this pilgrimage upon earth. In Your boundless compassion console us who mourn. Give us Your aid so we may continue our course on earth with confidence in You until the day You call us to heaven. Grant us a blessed reunion with those who have gone before us with faith in Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.

*Please Be Seated*

## The Hymn

## "Amazing Grace"

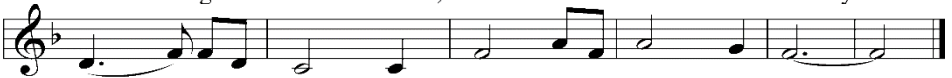
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1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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## The Comfort of God's Word

### Psalm 23

- P** The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
- C** He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters,
- P** He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- C** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- C** Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### Scripture Readings

#### Epistle Reading

Romans 8:31-39

*What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Please Stand*

#### Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

*[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

*Please Be Seated*

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
 I'll be there when you are old.  
 I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
 I was there when you were but a child,  
 With a faith to suit you well;  
 In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.  
  
 When you heard the wonder of the Word  
 I was there to cheer you on;  
 You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
 If you find someone to share your time  
 And you join your hearts as one,  
 I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.  
  
 In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
 Complete what I've begun.  
 When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes  
 I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.  
 I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
 I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

## The Message

*Please Stand*

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the Church

**P** 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.

**C** Hear us, O Lord.

**P** 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 gate of death and the grave we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection.

**C** Hear us, O Lord.

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

**C** Hear us, O Lord.

**P** Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind.

**C** Hear us, O Lord.

**P** Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love.

**C** Hear us, O Lord.

**P** Give courage and faith to the bereaved that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope, in the communion of Your Church, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith.

**C** Hear us, O Lord.

**P** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe in and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**C** Hear us, O Lord.

**P** God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## 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.

## The Benediction

**P** Let us go forth in peace

**C** In the peace and joy of Christ

**P** For He is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** The Lord Bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen!

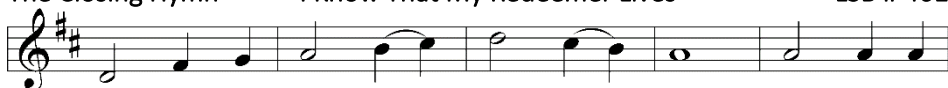
**P** Let us go forth in peace

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

## The Closing Hymn

### “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

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1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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## Postlude

**Officiating**—Pastor Rance Settle & Pastor Walt Waiser  
**Director of Music Ministry**—Stephanie Poyner



Charles Michael “Mike” Dixon  
1946 - 2021

Charles Michael “Mike” Dixon was born July 24, 1946, in Phillips, Texas, the fifth child of Charles and Mina Dixon. Mike entered his Heavenly Home on March 28, 2021 at Medical City in Denton, Texas, surrounded by his wife and children. He was 74 years of age.

Mike graduated from Phillips High School, Phillips, Texas, in 1965. He attended Southwestern State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma, on a football scholarship his freshman year. He then transferred to West Texas State University, Canyon, Texas, where he earned a Bachelor and Masters degree in Education.

Mike married Donna Gohlke, his high school sweetheart, on August 2, 1970, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Borger, Texas. They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary last summer. Their first two years of marriage, they lived in an apartment in a men’s dormitory on the campus of WTSU where Mike supervised the residents. Then after moving to Big Spring, Texas, he taught woodworking, drafting and coached 7<sup>th</sup> grade athletics. While in Big Spring their first child, Natalie, was born in 1974.

In 1976 Mike moved his family to Waco, Texas, where he taught safety at Texas State Technical College. From Waco they moved to Pampa, Texas, where he began employment with Cabot Corporation, working in safety, personnel and recruiting. In 1979 Cabot transferred him to Atlanta, Georgia. While living in Roswell, Georgia, their son, Curtis, was born in 1982.

Mike accepted a personnel and recruiting position with United Technologies in Columbus, Mississippi, in 1985. In Columbus their third child, Chad, was born in 1986.

In 1988, with his recruiting background, he started his own company, C. Michael Dixon Associates, Inc., an executive search firm specializing in the chemical and petro-chemical industry. Always active in previous Lutheran churches, the family became a member of Lamb of God Lutheran Church where Mike served various positions including elder, President of the Congregation, and Co-Chairman of the Building Committee, which built the

first phase of the present facility. Taking the youth on mission trips from 1995 to 2004 to Texas, Mexico, and Guatemala was one of the joys of his life. In addition to his church activities, Mike was active in city government. He served on the Parks Board and City Council in Highland Village, TX.

Mike enjoyed woodworking, fishing and the outdoors. But his greatest joy was time spent with his children and 4 grandchildren: Luke, Harper, Kam and Charlotte.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; daughter Natalie Drake and son-in law David; son Curtis Dixon and daughter-in-law Kristen; and son Chad Dixon and daughter-in-law Kennon. Mike is also survived by 2 sisters, Carolyn Dixon Tims and Kae Dixon Wise, and many nieces and nephews.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Mina Dixon, a toddler sister, Patty, and brother, Jimmy.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to  
❖ Lamb of God –Youth High School Missions or  
❖ Lamb of God-Men’s Retreat.