



BERING MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A Reconciling Congregation
Celebrating 164 Years of Serving, Sharing, and Caring
1848-2013



SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013

TWELVE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

IN LOVING MEMORY AND CELEBRATION

OF THE LIFE OF

DAVID WILLIAM KNOWLTON



SEPTEMBER 15, 1950—MARCH 14, 2013

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Toccata* Bob Manchester, organist
from *Symphony No.5* by Charles-Marie Widor

GATHERING

***WORD OF GRACE AND GREETING** Rev. Ernie Turney
(*People standing*)

***OPENING HYMN** *Crown Him With Many Crowns* UM Hymnal No. 327
Hymn text is printed on page 3 of the Remembrance Book.
If you are able, please stand and sing.

***THE COLLECT** Rev. Ernie Turney
(*People standing and reading responsively*)

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave us birth, You are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Give to us now your grace, that as we shrink before the mystery of death we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are accomplished, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in you, and that nothing in life or in death be able to separate us from your great love in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lector
(*People seated, lector reading*)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 43:1-5a Lector

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. You are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you; fear not, for I am with you.

Lector: The Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 23 Rev. Ernie Turney
(*People standing and reading responsively*)

The Lord is my shepherd.

I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, 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 comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Lector

(People seated)

Even if I can speak in all the tongues of earth—and those of the angels too—but do not have love, I am just a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy such that I can comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge, or if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own to feed those poorer than I, then hand over my body to be burned, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, and it is not snobbish; it is never rude or self-seeking; it is not prone to anger, nor does it brood over injuries. Love doesn't rejoice in what is wrong, but rejoices in the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure.

Love never fails. Prophecies will cease, tongues will be silent, knowledge will pass away. Our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect. When the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child. But when I became an adult, I put childish ways aside. Now we see indistinctly, as in a mirror; then we will see face to face. My knowledge is imperfect now; then I will know even as I am known.

There are, in the end, three things that last: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Lector: The Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

AN ANTHEM *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*—Sebastian Temple/Arr. Seible

Choir

You are invited to follow the text on page 4 of the Remembrance Book.

***THE GOSPEL** John 14:1-6

Lector

(People standing)

Leader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: **May the Spirit work within us.**

“Let not your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith in me as well. In God's house there are many dwelling places; otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you? I am indeed going to prepare a place for you, and then I will come back to take you with me, that where I am there you may be as well. You know the way that leads to where I am going.”

Thomas replied, “But we don't know where you're going. How can we know the way?” Jesus told him, “I myself am the Way; I am Truth, and I am Life. No one comes to Abba God but through me.

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; but the kind of peace I give you is not like the world's peace. Let not your hearts be troubled, do not fear.”

Leader: The Holy Gospel.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE WITNESS

Rev. Ernie Turney

THE EULOGY

Gray Lyman

VOCAL SOLO *Hymne a L'amour (Hymn to Love)* Deborah Boily, soloist; Roger Woest, pianist
Composed by Marguerite Monnot

A translation of the text may be found on page 5 of the Remembrance Book.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Rev. Ernie Turney

(People seated and reading in unison)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and for ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

(People seated)

CLOSING MEDLEY

Choir and Congregation

When We All Get to Heaven—Arr. Mark Hayes (Remembrance Book, page 6)

Everybody Will Be Happy Over There—E.M. Bartlett (Remembrance Book, page 6)

Your First Day in Heaven—Stuart Hamblen/Arr. Seible (Remembrance Book, page 7)

The congregation is encouraged to join in singing on each refrain.

*THE DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

(People standing)

May the peace of Christ be with you. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Bob Manchester, organist

The congregation is encouraged to remain seated for the Closing Voluntary.

*Following the service, you are invited
to join Gray and the family for a reception
in the Community Room (108-A).*

DONATIONS IN DAVID'S MEMORY MAY BE MADE TO:

**Bering Memorial UMC Organ Renovation Fund
In Memory of David William Knowlton
1440 Harold Street
Houston, Texas 77006**

The choral ensemble in this afternoon's service is comprised of members of VOX—The Rob Seible Singers; Rob Seible, Founder and Artistic Director.