

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING



FOR THE LIFE OF
DUANE CHARLES HOVEN

MARCH 29, 1931 – DECEMBER 24, 2020

“The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.” Psalm 16:6

PROCESSION

WELCOME

MEDLEY

“IN HEAVEN ABOVE”
“CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER”
“SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US”
“THY HOLY WINGS”
BETH HOVEN ROTTO, VIOLIN AND JON ROTTO, GUITAR

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into his 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 him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

C: Amen.

BIBLE READING

PSALM 100 NRSV

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. ²Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ³Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. ⁵For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

HYMN

O DAY FULL OF GRACE

**O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon.**

**For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
when he on the cross was hanging;
and then he arose and moved the stone,
that we, unto him belonging,
might join with angelic hosts to raise
our voices in endless singing.**

**When we on that final journey go
that Christ is for us preparing,
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
all joy of the heavens sharing,
and there we will join God's endless praise,
with angels and saints adoring.**

GREETING

L: 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 consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER

L: God of grace and glory, we remember before you today, our brother, Duane. 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.

C: Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

ISAIAH 40:25-31 NRSV

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

HYMN

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!** *Refrain*

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9 NRSV

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

REVELATION 21:1-5 NRSV

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

HYMN

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay.**

Refrain **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

JOHN 14:1-6 NRSV

[Jesus says:] ¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

ROMANS 14:7-9 NRSV

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

HYMN

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MESSAGE

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

HYMN

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING
**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

DEDICATION OF CREDENCE TABLES

The credence tables were given in memory of Duane Hoven and will be used in serving communion.

PRAYER

L: God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us when you come into your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

L: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Duane Charles Hoven. 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.

C: Amen.

HYMN

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain***

DUET

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS
RALPH SCHORNACK AND SUSAN HENKE, BOTH ON PIANO

ARR. JOEL RANEY

BLESSING

L: Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL

Duane's family would like to extend a special thanks to everyone for your prayers, for your love and support, your words of comfort, and the many acts of kindness we have received. Thanks be to God!

Following the service, you are invited to join us in the Fireside Room for a reception.

Duane's urn is provided by his two sons-in-law. The black walnut wood was harvested from Beth and Jon's land. It was constructed by Jon Rotto and the Lutheran Rose Cross was engraved on it by Jeffrey Dale.

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Our journey of faith leads us to build bridges of understanding and peace, to reach out with compassion, and to share the hope of Jesus.

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This Stave Kirche is a watercolor painted by Duane.

Duane Charles Hoven died early in the morning of Christmas Eve 2020. He was born on March 29, 1931 to Clarence and Mildred Hoven in Zumbrota, Minnesota. Duane attended Zumbrota public schools, was active in his church and in sports, and as a Boy Scout, and earned the Eagle Scout award.

After high school, Duane went to St. Olaf College where he was active in sports and student government. He also became the first president of the newly formed St. Olaf Student Congregation. Duane graduated as a History major in 1953. He met his wife, Ann Andersen, at St. Olaf and they were one of the first couples to marry at the new Boe Memorial Chapel in 1954. Immediately afterward, they moved to St. Paul, Minn., where Duane attended Luther Seminary. He was ordained a Lutheran minister in 1957.

For 36 years he served Lutheran parishes in Dodgeville and Wausau, Wisc. as well as in Faribault, Minn., and in 1980, Duane and Ann moved to Rochester, Minn. where he served at Zumbro Lutheran Church. During his ministry, and in his personal life, he often focused on building bridges of understanding and peace. This included experiences close to home and around the world. In 1982, Duane was part of a visit to Christians in China.

In 1983, he gave leadership to the first joint Lutheran/Episcopal worship in Rochester, Minn. In 1985, Duane and Ann taught in Papua New Guinea. They also were part of an official visit to the Russian Orthodox Church for their millennium in 1988. Other travel included trips to Japan, Israel, New Zealand, Iceland as well as Scandinavian and European nations, both independently and through Elderhostels.

Duane was a member of the Board of Regents at St. Olaf College (1974-1981) and the Board of Directors at Luther Theological Seminary (1982-1988). He retired as Directing Pastor at Zumbro Lutheran Church in Rochester in 1993. In retirement, he served the SE Minnesota Synod of the ELCA as Coordinator of Mission Interpretation, and in 1998 as Interim Assistant to the Synod Bishop.

He also devoted time and energy to writing family histories as well as research projects for the Zumbrota Area and Minnesota Historical Societies. Duane was an enthusiastic golfer, cross-country skier, rollerblades, and tennis player. He appreciated nature and led many backpacking and canoe trips for church youth, as well as taking his family on camping trips throughout much of the U.S. Duane explored many hobbies and interests in his lifetime, from making model airplanes, to photography, to water color painting. He had a curious mind and enjoyed reading, learning, and teaching. At the time of his death, he had presented two of four sessions he had written, "Aging Gracefully" to residents at his home, The Waters on Mayowood.

Duane's immediate family was a high priority. Survivors include his wife Ann, two daughters, Beth Hoven Rotto and Maren J. Dale, and son, John N. Hoven. He is also survived by sons-in-law, Jon T. Rotto and Jeffrey Dale; granddaughters, Ingrid Martina Rotto and Clara Beth Dale; sister-in-law, Sarah Pfeiffer Andersen, nieces Rachel Faldet, Gretchen Belgum, and nephew David Andersen and their families.