



*We would like to thank everyone
for their love and support during this difficult time.*

*We realize how truly blessed we are to have
such wonderful family and friends.
Your expressions of sympathy
will never be forgotten.*

*All are warmly invited to gather
immediately following the service for lunch
and conversation in the church Fellowship Hall.*

- The Family of Dwayne Oberg



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Amazing Grace

This moving hymn testifies to the great change God can bring to an individual's life. The words were written by John Newton in 1779 and are based on his own transformation "by the rich mercy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ," as he says in his self-written epitaph. Once a slave-ship captain, he was later ordained into the Church of England and wrote more than two hundred fifty hymns.

Amazing Grace!

*How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

**A Service Celebrating the Life of
Dwayne Eldon Oberg**

Born: December 27, 1937 † Died: March 22, 2023

Friday, March 31, 2023
11:30 a.m.



Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother Dwayne, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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 him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Dwayne was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

**ELW #779
vs. 1, 2, 4, 5**

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
source of all mercy and giver of comfort,
graciously tend those who mourn,
that, casting all our sorrow on you,
we may know the consolation of your love;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

WORD

Reading

Matthew 5:3-10, 12a
Reader: Andy Stein, grandson

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Poem—"The Footprints of God" Reader: Susan Miller, daughter

Reading

Psalm 23

Reader: Deb Olsen, sister/goddaughter

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 darkest valley,
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.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Time for Memories

Karen Kugler, daughter
Harvey Oberg, brother

Special Music "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" Thompson
Soloist: Sara Oberg, niece

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

John 14:1-6, 27

Jesus said ... "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 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? 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. And you know the way to the place 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. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation

Pastor John Snider

Hymn

"You Raise Me Up"

Graham/Lovland

When I am down and oh my soul's so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit a while with me

Chorus

You raise me up so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas
I am strong when I am on Your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be

There is no life no life without its hunger
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly
But when You come and I am filled with wonder
Sometimes I think I glimpse eternity

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Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,
"I am the resurrection and the life."

Petition response:

Pastor: ... God of mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Commendation

Benediction

Hymn

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

**ELW #763
vs. 1, 3, 4**

**My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

Refrain

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

**What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain***

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain***

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Sending

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

Postlude

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