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We realize how truly blessed we are to have such wonderful  
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will never be forgotten.*

*The Family of Mark Jensen*



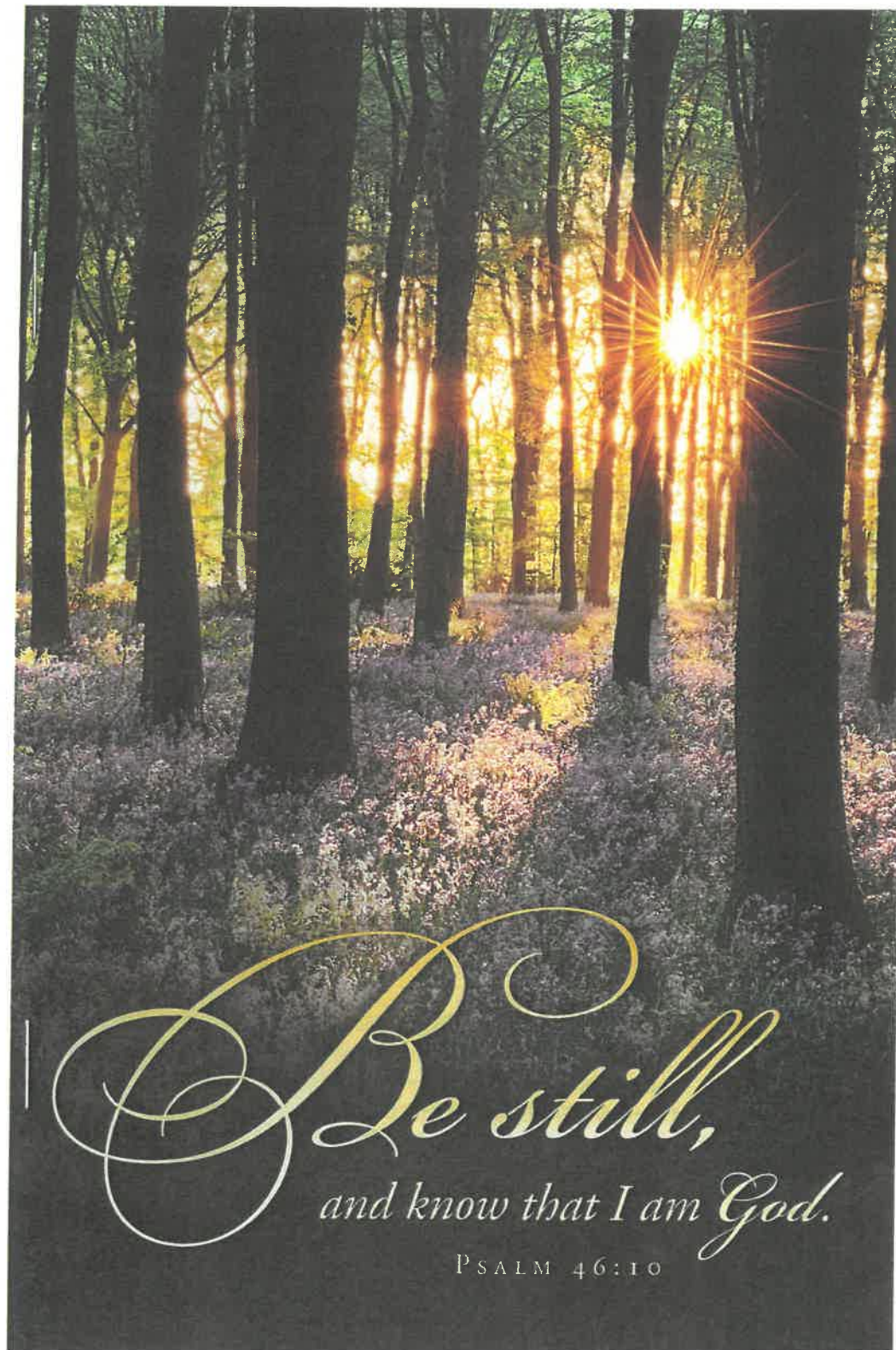
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*Be still,  
and know that I am God.*

PSALM 46:10

## A Service Celebrating the Life of Mark Allen Jensen

Born: January 6, 1952 † Died: June 24, 2020

Wednesday, October 7, 2020  
11:00 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 Mark,  
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, Mark was clothed with Christ. In the day of  
Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

### Hymn

#### "How Great Thou Art"

ELW 856  
vs. 1, 3

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

#### *Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

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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

#### Revelation 21:1-4

1 Then 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. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride  
adorned for her husband. 3 And 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;

4 he 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."

Word of God, Word of Life  
*Thanks be to God*

**Reading**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-13**

1 For everything there is a season,  
 and a time for every matter under heaven:  
 2 a time to be born, and a time to die;  
 a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
 a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
 4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
 a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
 5 a time to throw away stones,  
 and a time to gather stones together;  
 a time to embrace,  
 and a time to refrain from embracing;  
 6 a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
 a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
 7 a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
 a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
 8 a time to love, and a time to hate;  
 a time for war, and a time for peace.

9 What gain have the workers from their toil? 10 I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. 11 He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. 12 I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; 13 moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

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*Thanks be to God*

**A Time for Remembrance**

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

**Gospel**

**John 14:1-6, 27**

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 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? 3 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. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 27 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.*

**Hymn**

**"Be Not Afraid"**

**Bob Dufford**  
 vs. 1, 3

You shall cross the barren desert,  
 but you shall not die of thirst.  
 You shall wander far in safety  
 though you do not know the way.  
 You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
 and all will understand.  
 You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid.  
 I go before you always.  
 Come, follow me and I will give you rest.

Blessed are your poor,  
 for the Kingdom shall be theirs.  
 Blest are you that weep and mourn,  
 for one day you shall laugh.  
 And if wicked tongues insult and hate you  
 all because of me,  
 blessed, blessed are you!

Be not afraid.  
 I go before you always.  
 Come, follow me and I will give you rest.

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**Meditation**

**Pastor John**

## 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.**

## Special Music

**"Our Father, Who Art in Heaven"  
The Lord's Prayer  
Albert Hay Malotte**

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen

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## SENDING

### Commendation

### Benediction

### Hymn

**"On Eagle's Wings"**

**ELW 787  
vs. 1, 2**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

#### *Refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle'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.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield.

#### *Refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle'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.

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## Sending

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

## Postlude

