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The Family of Jim Murphy



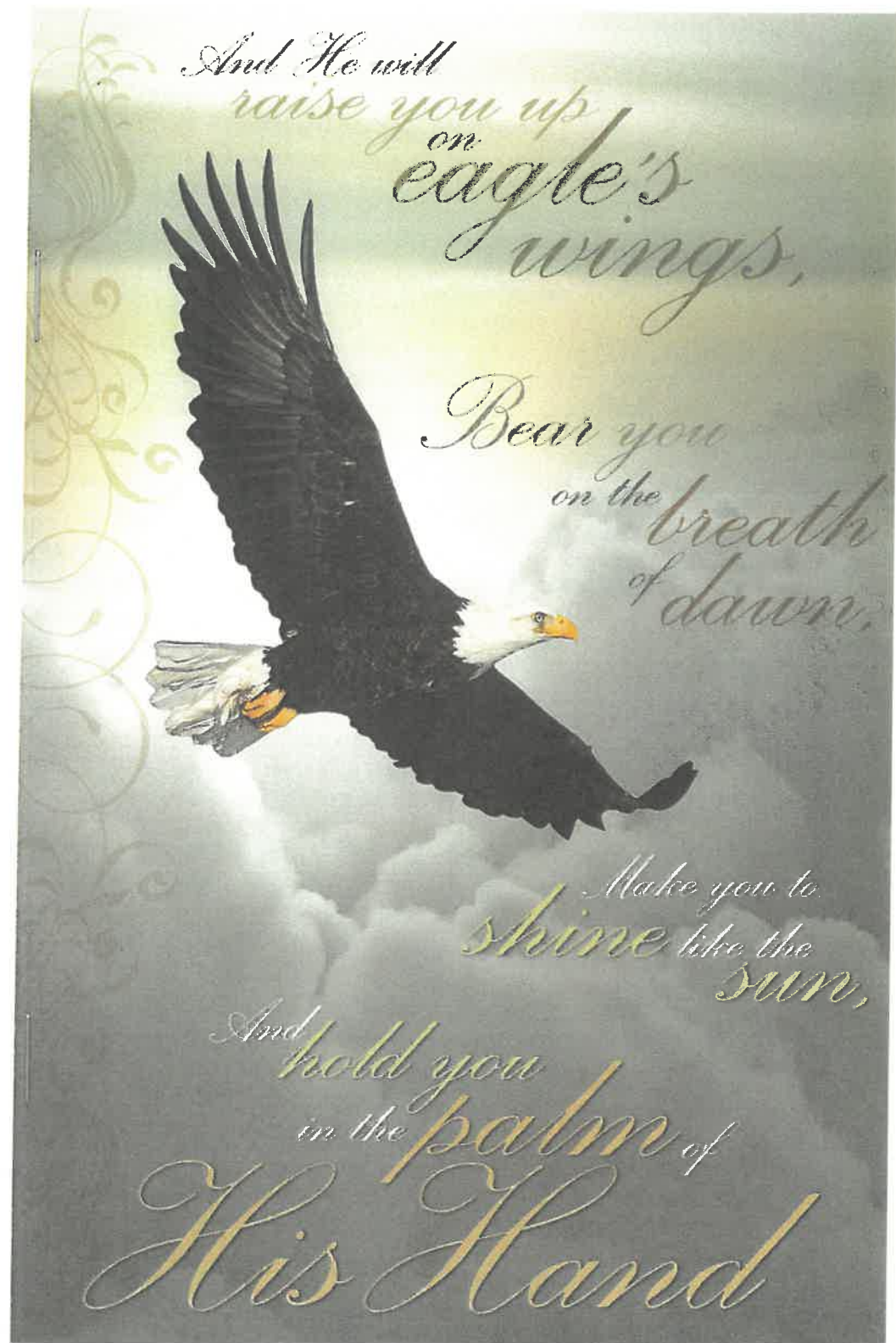
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## A Service Celebrating the Life of James Thomas Murphy

Born: May 5, 1961 † Died: September 23, 2020

Thursday, October 1, 2020  
1:00 p.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 James, 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, James was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

### Hymn

#### "Borning Cry"

ELW 732

"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."

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I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold."

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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

### Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
3 he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
4 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.  
5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
6 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*

### Reading

### Revelation 21:1-6

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."

5 And 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." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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*Thanks be to God*

### Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
where there is injury, pardon,  
where there is doubt, faith,  
where there is despair, hope,  
where there is darkness, light,  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.

### Time for Memories

Erin Finnegan

### Hymn

### "Amazing Grace"

ELW 779  
vs. 1, 3

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.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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.*

**Meditation**

**Hymn**

**"On Eagle's Wings"**

**Pastor John**

**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*

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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**

**Special Music**

**"When Irish Eyes Are Smiling"**  
arr. Ben Dyleuth

There's a tear in your eye, and I'm wondering why,  
for it never should be there at all.  
With such pow'r in your smile, sure a stone you'd beguile,  
so there's never a teardrop should fall.  
When your sweet lilting laughter's like some fairy song,  
and your eyes twinkle bright as can be;  
you should laugh all the while and all other times smile,  
and now, smile a smile for me.

*Refrain*

When Irish eyes are smiling,  
sure, 'tis like the morn in Spring.  
In the lilt of Irish laughter  
you can hear the angels sing.  
When Irish hearts are happy,  
all the world seems bright and gay.  
And when Irish eyes are smiling,  
sure, they steal your heart away.

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**Sending**

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

**Postlude**

