

*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 dessert and conversation.*

- The Family of Oliver Hanson



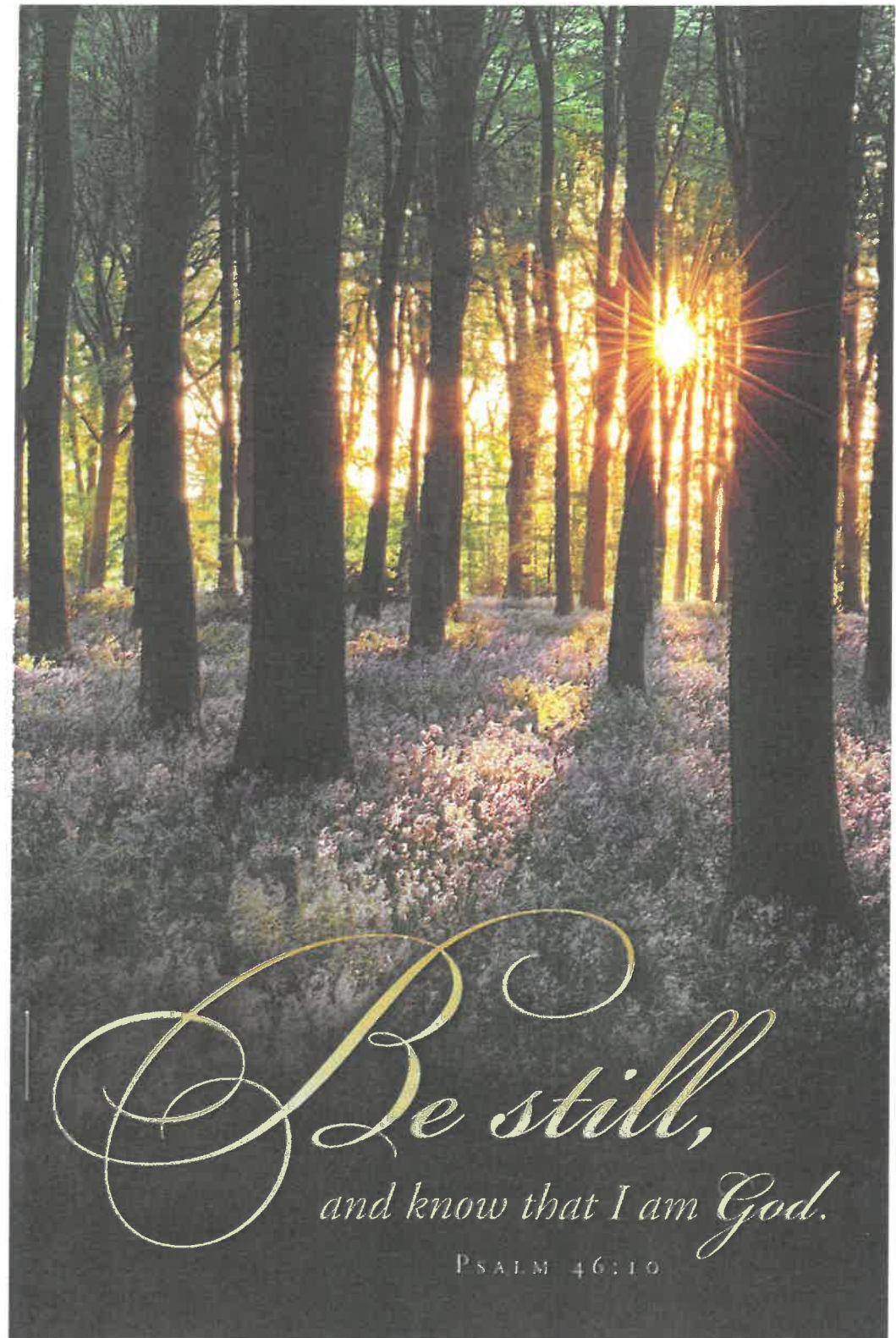
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*Be still,
and know that I am God.*

PSALM 46:10

**A Service Celebrating the Life of
Oliver Bert Hanson**

Born: July 26, 1954 † Died: August 23, 2021

Wednesday, September 1, 2021
2:00 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 Oliver,
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, Oliver was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's
coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

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***

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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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

- 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.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Reading**Colossians 3:12-17**

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Reading**Matthew 6:25-33**

Jesus said ... 25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' 32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Time for Memories**Special Music****"The Laborer's Task"****Gerrit W. Lamain**

Now the laborer's task is o'er,
Now the battle day is past,
Now upon the farther shore,
Lands the voyager at last.

Chorus

Father in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping,
Father in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

There the tears of earth are dried,
There its hidden things are clear,
There the work of earth is tried,
By a juster judge than here. *Chorus*

There the sinful souls that turn,
To the cross their dying eyes,
All the love of Christ shall learn,
At His feet in paradise. *Chorus*

Earth to earth, and dust to dust,
Calmly now the words we say,
Left behind we wait in trust,
For the resurrection day. *Chorus*

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

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

Jesus said ... 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

"Amazing Grace"

Pastor John Snider

**ELW #779
vs. 1, 3, 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.**

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

**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.**

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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.**

Special Music

The Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

Commendation

Benediction

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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Sending

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

Postlude

