

A MEMORIAL SERVICE
IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
James Bruce Hughes



April 20, 2026

10:30 AM

Sunrise: February 2, 1944 Sunset: January 19, 2026

Pastor Jon-Marc MacLean



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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE Paul McNeill, Bagpipes

WELCOME Pastor Jon-Marc MacLean

GREETING

Pastor: We gather this day to worship to give thanks to God for the gift of a very special life, **James Bruce Hughes**, affectionately known at **Jim**, and to give thanks to God for the gift of another special life, the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we have resurrection victory.

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

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Pastor: 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 the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

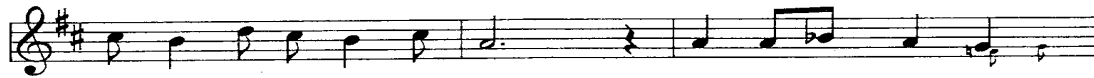
Pastor: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

HYMN

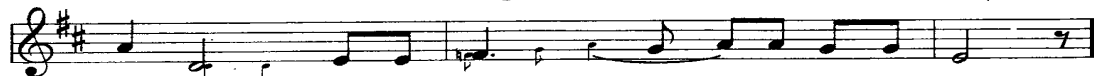
On Eagle's Wings



1 You who . . . dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
3 For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to



bide in this shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My . . .
fam - ine will bring you no fear, un - der God's wings your . . .
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, . . . my . . . rock . . . in whom I . . . trust!"
ref - uge . . . with . . . faith - ful - ness . . . your . . . shield.
bear you up, lest you dash . . . your foot a - gainst a stone.



"And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,



bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the



sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, **Jim**. 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 those 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.

Congregation: **Amen.**

THE READINGS *May you find comfort in God's Word.*

Isaiah 40:28-31

Have 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. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but 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.

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our Gospel reading is from the fourteenth chapter of St. John.

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. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 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.

SERMON Pastor MacLean

FAMILY SHARING

Sharyn Hughes

HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Our service continues with The Apostles' Creed.

Pastor: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

Congregation: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

Congregation: Hear us, Lord.

Pastor: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Congregation: Hear us, Lord.

Pastor: Give courage and faith to all who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in joyful expectation.

Congregation: Hear us, Lord.

Pastor: Grant us grace to entrust **Jim** to your never-failing love, which sustained him in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor you bear for your people.

Congregation: Hear us, Lord.

Pastor: Eternal God, you gave **Jim** a new birth in Baptism and entrusted him to us for a time. As we thank you for the life we shared with him, help us now to Release him to your mighty keeping. Bring us all to that day when we shall stand in your presence with all your saints in light eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: ...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Congregation: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: ...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

As a community, let us sing the Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Share in the inheritance of all the saints. Come to the table prepared for you.
All of the Lord's people are welcome.

COMMUNION MEDLEY

Mary Jo Vitale MacLean

THE COMMUNION *The Communion is given and received.*

Communion is continuous without kneeling.

The server will hand the "bread" to you. With your bread in hand, dip the bread into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please say "**bread only**" to the server.

Gluten-free bread and **grape juice** are available.
Please say "**gluten-free**" to the server.

THE BLESSING

Pastor: We give you thanks, shepherding God, that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of Paradise. Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

COMMENDATION

Pastor: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God his child, **James Bruce Hughes**, and we commit his body to its final resting place. The Lord bless him and keep him. The Lord make his face shine on him and be gracious to him. The Lord look upon him with favor and + give him peace.

Congregation: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Borning Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

POSTLUDE

Ann Blake, Pianist

*You are invited to join the family for a Memorial Luncheon
in our Fellowship Hall.*

Jim is survived by:

Spouse: Sharyn Hughes (Married June 8, 1968)

Daughter: Heather Hughes

Son: Brent Hughes

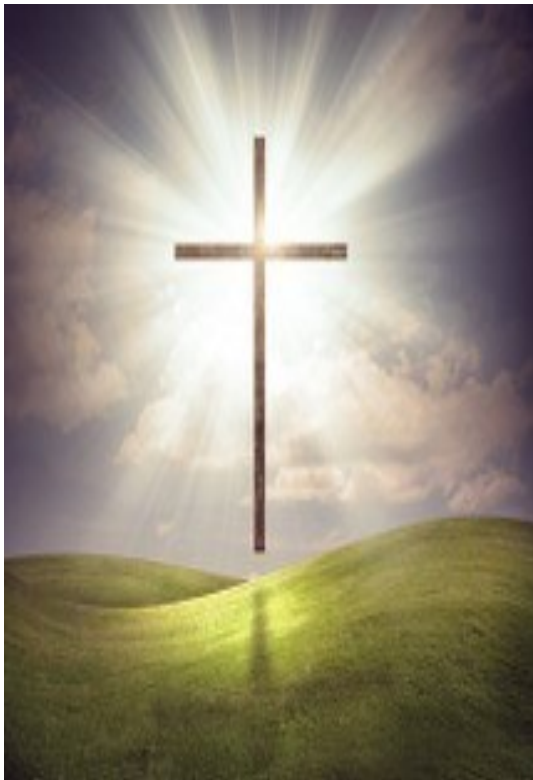
Grandson: Westin James Hughes

Brother: Bob (Bobbie) Hughes

Sister: Cecila Potter

Jim is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and niece, Jodi Synder.



AFTERGLOW

*I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways, of
happy times and laughing times and
bright and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve
to dry before the sun,
of happy memories that I leave when
life is done.*

***Contributions in Jim's memory may be given to
ELCA World Hunger. You may make your check to Hope Lutheran Church,
250 Avenida Los Angeles, The Villages, FL 32162 and indicate World Hunger
on the memo line. You may also give online at hope4all.church/give
and select World Hunger.***