



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

June 29th, 2024

2:00 pm



In Celebration of the Life of

MICHAEL DAVID ANDERSON

January 9, 1935 - May 19, 2024

Westminster Presbyterian Church
4400 N. Shartel Ave.
Oklahoma City, Ok

Jesus Calling

May 19, 2024

Read by Laura at 4 a.m. on the morning of May 19th to
Kirstin, Michelle, Nicole, and Lolly shortly after Mike met Jesus.

“I want you to know how safe and secure you are in My Presence. That is a fact, totally independent of your feelings. You are on your way to heaven; nothing can prevent you from reaching your destination.

There you will see Me face to Face, and your Joy will be off the charts by any earthly standards. Even now, you are never separated from Me, though you must see Me through eyes of faith. I will walk with you till the end of time and onward into eternity.”

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

John 11:25-26 NRSV

Order of Worship

“With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

From “A Brief Statement of Faith”, PCUSA

PRELUDE

Suite No. 1 in G major, BWV 1007

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Emily Stoops, cello

Wenn wir in höchsten Nöthen sein, BWV 641

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Dr. Melissa Plamann, organ

CHIMING THE HOUR

PROCESSION OF MIKE ANDERSON’S GRANDCHILDREN

Anderson Seamus Lee; Katherine Taite Sandefer; Charles Michael Sandefer;
Samuel Lee Sandefer; Anna Louise Webb; Lucy Olivia Webb;
Abigail Love Webb; Kirstin Lee Barr-Beatty; Alexandria Faith Barr

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN (No. 826)

CRUCIFER

Lift High the Cross

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till all the world — a - dore



— his sa - cred name. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior
All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci -
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er

to Refrain



trod, the Lamb vic — to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
fied bears on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
tree, your death has — brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
be: praise to the — Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

WELCOME

Rev. Landon Whitsitt

OPENING SENTENCES

This responsive reading is adapted from Psalm 29:1-3, 11 and John 10:27-30

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

We hear God's voice and we follow.

God gives us eternal life and we will never perish.

No one can snatch us from the hand of God.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

*HYMN (No. 611)

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
All thy works with joy sur - round thee; earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays;
Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan.



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, o - p'ning to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all in heav - en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow'r - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alex Barr

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 41:10, p. 518

Matthew 6:25-26, p. 5

1 Corinthians 13:4-7, p. 134

John 13:33-35, p. 83

Anderson Lee

Anna Webb

Charlie Sandefer

Kirstin Barr-Beatty

PSALTER

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place (Psalm 84)

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Chancel Choir; Dr. Jennifer Slater, flute; Emily Stoops, cello; Jan McDaniel, piano

MEDITATION

Be Curious

Rev. Landon Whitsitt

*HYMN (No. 39)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS



Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no shad-ow of
Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and stars in their
Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear pres-ence to



turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not,
cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,



as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have



need-ed thy hands hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord un-to me!

THOUGHTS FROM THE DAUGHTERS

Michelle Webb

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Rev. Dr. Randall Spindle

***HYMN (No. 69)**

HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky



I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will break their
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright. Who will bear my light to them?
hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my word to them.
will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my life to them.



Whom shall I send? _____ Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____



I have heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____



if you lead me. _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING,
SUPPLICATION, AND INTERCESSION**

Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin

**Our Father, who 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.**

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

MUSICAL OFFERING

Highland Cathedral

Michael Korb (b. 1957)

Ulrich Roever (1934-1997)

arr. Amy Pummill Stewart (b. 1973)

Dr. Jennifer Slater, flute; Dr. Melissa Plamann, organ;

Bruce Robertson, bagpipes; Seth Boothby and Alex McDaniel, percussion

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**

Amazing Grace

William Walker (1809-1875)

Bruce Robertson, bagpipes

Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

arr. Claude Means (1912-1999)

Dr. Melissa Plamann, organ

**(Please stand if you are able)*

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***Please join the family for a reception in the Payne
Garden Court immediately following the service.***

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Care and Connection

Rev. Dr. Randall Spindle, Minister of Pastoral Care (1993-2015)

Mr. Kevin Wilkinson, Director of Worship and the Arts

Mr. Jan McDaniel, Associate Director of Worship and the Arts

Dr. Melissa Plamann, Artist in Residence

Westminster Chancel Choir

Mr. Bruce Robertson, bagpipes

Dr. Jennifer Slater, flute

Mr. Seth Boothby and Ms. Alex McDaniel, percussion

Ms. Emily Stoops, cello

Reception provided by WPC Care Team

MICHAEL DAVID ANDERSON

January 9, 1935 - May 19, 2024

Michael David Anderson met the resurrected Christ on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Born to Loran and Louise Anderson on January 9, 1935 in Spokane, Washington, Michael lived life with gusto and love. He was irresistible and is irreplaceable.

Mike lived like Indiana Jones walking the mountains of Pakistan and swinging down into the cave of the Dead Sea Scrolls. He loved God and experiencing the wonder and mystery of being human. He befriended the lost, laughed heartily at a good joke, knew the history of the world with an intricate interweaving of philosophy, art, science and medicine.

Mike was a preacher, carpenter, painter, writer, teacher, photographer, skier, tennis player, golfer, thinker, storyteller, nature lover, rebel, dogs' best friend, world traveler, prankster, comedian, husband, and maybe most beautifully - a father.

More than anything, Mike believed Jesus was the risen son of God.

His life led him to all corners of the world. Mike attended Whitworth University in Washington State on a basketball scholarship. He studied at San Francisco Theological Seminary and then the University of Edinburgh in Scotland for his Ph.D. in Theology. He was Head Pastor for University Place Presbyterian Church in Tacoma, Washington after which he moved to New York City as Managing Director of the World Mission of the United Presbyterian Church.

In 1978, Mike was called to serve as the Senior Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City where he blessed countless lives for nearly a quarter of a century. His last professional calling was President and CEO of the Presbyterian Health Foundation.

Mike served on many boards, including for the San Francisco Theological Seminary, University of Oklahoma Honors College, Oklahoma Business Roundtable, and the National Institutes of Health.

Mike married Joanna Arneson and they raised four daughters: Kirstin Lee (San Diego, CA), Laura Sandefer (Austin, TX), Michelle Webb (Oklahoma City, OK) and Nicole Barr (Edmond, OK.) After Joanna's death from cancer, Mike married Laurel (Lolly) Catching.

He is survived by his wife, Lolly; daughters and sons-in-law Jim Lee, Jeff Sandefer and David Webb; his grandchildren, Kirstin Barr and husband Ben, Alex Barr and fiancé Michael, Anderson Lee, Taite Sandefer, Charlie Sandefer, Sam Sandefer, Anna Webb, Lucy Webb and Abby Webb; and poodle, Colette.

We give heartfelt thanks to his nurses, and physicians, with a special appreciation and love for Dr. Pamela Craven. We also thank Legacy Family Hospice.

When asked what advice he'd give for living a rich, fulfilling life, he said, "That's easy. Two words: Be curious."