



**Celebration of Life
and
Witness to the Resurrection**



Joseph C. Ditto
August 26, 1934 ~ July 11, 2024



Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

William Bradbury
Suk Choi, Organist

Welcome

Pastor Sara McCurdy

Opening Sentences

Psalm 124: 8

⁸ Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

John 11: 25 - 26

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Opening Prayer

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine
#21 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru-out the universe displayed!*

*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!*

*When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,*

*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!*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13

Pew Bible, p. 175
Josih Hostetler

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Remembrance of Family

Dr. Steve Ditto
Todd Waymire
Danell Wilbur

Anthem

Soon and Very Soon
Arr. By Jack Schrader
LNPC Chancel Choir

Second Lesson

Romans 8: 31 - 39
Pew Bible pp. 158 - 159
Pastor Jim Szeyller

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ 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.

Homily

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*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.*

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives*

Closing Hymn

Because He Lives

Gloria Gaither & William Gaither
#238 (vv. 1, 2)

*God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives*

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives*

*And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns*

Benediction

Gaelic Benediction

Arr. by Jerry Ulrich

Postlude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

Gone From My Sight

Henry Van Dyke

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side,
spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts
for the blue ocean.

She is an object of beauty and strength.

I stand and watch her until, at length,
she hangs like a speck
of white cloud just where the sea and sky
come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."

Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast,
hull and spar as she was when she left my side.
And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight
to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.

And, just at the moment when someone says,
"There, she is gone,"

there are other eyes watching her coming,
and other voices
ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...

Joseph C. Ditto

August 26, 1934 – July 11, 2024

Joseph C. Ditto "Joe", 89, passed away peacefully on July 11, 2024 at his home in Laguna Niguel, California after a courageous three year battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his beloved wife, Carolyn, and family in his final moments.

Joe was born August 26, 1934 in Elkhart, Indiana to George Alfred Ditto and Orpha Elizabeth (Yoder) Ditto. A younger brother, Dr. William Ditto, survives him.

He graduated from Decatur High School in Indiana in 1953 and went on to obtain a BA degree from Manchester University in Mathematics. He received his BS degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Purdue University in 1959. He later earned his MS in Systems Engineering from West Coast University.

Joe had an illustrious career of 47 years in the National Missile Defense Industry. He was hired for his first entry in his career field by Douglas Aircraft. Joe said, "one application led me to work for three major corporations". Douglas Aircraft became McDonnell Douglas who later merged with Boeing Company. As Joe progressed in his career, he worked in field stations at White Sands Missile Range in Las Cruces, NM, Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA, Cape Canaveral/Kennedy, FL, Huntsville, AL, and Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. He retired in 2005 as Boeing's Director of Mission Assurance Expendable Launch Systems.

He loved his family and in his retirement was able to spend more time with Carolyn, their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He enjoyed reading, growing roses, and going to his Indiana lake home every Spring and Fall where he loved to fish. Joe and Carolyn sang in their Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church choir and traveled with them to Scotland, England, and Italy for concerts. They traveled to many other countries, but found their annual trips to Maui, Hawaii were the best. Joe had many work related friends and regularly met with them for luncheon meetings.

Joe is survived by his wife, Carolyn Strickler Ditto, 6 children; Angela Hostetler (Tom), Rancho Cucamonga, CA, Dr. Steven Ditto (Denise) Choctaw, OK, Dawn Spinas (Andy), Fort Collins, CO, David Ditto, Santa Cruz, CA, Todd Waymire, Indianapolis, IN, and Heather Barnhart (Joby) of Los Angeles, CA, nine grandchildren; Josih Hostetler, Aaron Hostetler, Drew Ditto, Jordan Lovelace, Jessie Ditto, Kristin McKinnon, Janelle Spinas, Kaitlyn Barnhart, Joey Barnhart and 4 great grandchildren; Mackson McKinnon, Kiernan McKinnon, Lilly Joy Lovelace, and Benaiah Lovelace.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 11:00 am at Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church, 30071 Ivy Glenn Drive, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. Reception to follow with light refreshments.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church Music Ministries or to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

Condolences: www.oconnormortuary.com

Thank you for joining us to celebrate
Joe's life. The family deeply
appreciates your love and prayers.

We look forward to greeting you at the
Reception in Gard Hall following the service.

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