

Bruce McCart

Service of Witness to the Resurrection
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PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

We gather today in the sure and certain hope that God is with us to celebrate and give thanks for the life of Bruce McCart, to receive comfort from the Holy Spirit, and to proclaim the good news of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, we bless you for the great company of all those who have kept the faith, finished their race, and who now rest from their labor.

Especially we thank you for Bruce whom you have now received into your presence.

Help us to believe where we have not seen, trusting you to lead us through our years. Bring us at last with all your saints into the joy of your home, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #664

Morning Has Broken

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of mercy, whose loving-kindness endures forever:

we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love;

to care for others as we care for ourselves; to forgive and accept forgiveness.

We remember good intentions that were not put into actions;

harsh words that were hurtful;

selfish purposes that caused pain; persistent pride that would not yield.

We acknowledge our fear in the face of death and our failure to accept the hope you offer us in Christ. Hear us, O Lord, as in this silence, we make our confession to you.

Silence

Gracious God, forgive us and help us to forgive others;
heal us from the pain of self-condemnation;

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free us from the burden of failures that cannot be corrected;
renew us with your loving assurance that our sins have been forgiven,
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Source of all true wisdom, calm the troubled waters our hearts,
and still all other voices but your own,
that we may hear what you tell us in your word,
through the power of your spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING *John 14:1-6b - Listen to the words of Jesus to his disciples.*

"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."

Thomas said to him,

"Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life..."

MEDITATION

EULOGY

SHARING

*HYMN 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

Creating God, we thank you for the gift of life and for the wonder of human relationships.

Today we particularly thank you for the life of Bruce.

For his gifts of sharing joy and creativity.

For his enjoyment of life, and family and friends.

We thank you for Pete and for her tender and faithful care for Bruce.

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of love;

the ability to know another and be known

to accept another and be accepted

to live in depth of meaning together.

a depth of relationship which makes our grieving even deeper.

Help us find joy.

Ever-present God, receive our prayers as we pray in the prayer that Jesus taught us in the way that
is most familiar to us.

HYMN 819 *Be Still My Soul*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE