



Abide In Christ

The Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference
of The United Methodist Church

Memorial Service

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We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks to be God. Amen.

+ GLORIA PATRI ~ UMH #70

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Renee Dillard

Lord Jesus Christ, as you spent time with your disciples in the upper room, you said,
"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."
**Jesus, we believe in you, and we give thanks for the hope of resurrection
and eternal life.**

Today, we come to remember the lives of those who have served you
faithfully through the years,
the saints who now have received the blessed assurance of being welcomed
into your Father's heavenly home.
As we shrink before the mystery of death,
Help our hearts abide in your presence and peace.

Risen Christ, draw us more deeply into yourself, so that when our hearts are troubled,
we will know you more completely as the way, the truth, and the life.
As we seek to follow you, we offer our prayers on behalf of the church
and the world.

Together, let us pray for:

The people of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference
and the United Methodist Church.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Anyone, anywhere who mourns with us this day.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Those who suffer and those in trouble.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The concerns of our local communities.
(pause for silent prayer)
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The world, its people, and its leaders.
(pause for silent prayer)
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The church universal – its leaders, its members, its mission.
(pause for silent prayer)
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The communion of saints whose lives bear witness to the Lord of Love.
(pause for silent prayer)
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them as now,
with the confidence of children of God, we pray:

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ACT OF PRAISE

“In Bright Mansions Above”

Dr. Roland Carter

+ SCRIPTURE READING ~ 2 Timothy 4:1-8, 16-18

Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. ⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my

departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Good Fight"

Rev. Dr. Erin Beasley

REMEMBERING THE DEPARTED SAINTS

Rev. Pat Freudenthal

William K. Armistead
Joe Walter Beal
Jeffery William Blum
James R. Clark
Bobbie W. Clarke
Kary Y. Collier
Temple Marie G. Craighead
Isaac Jason Davis
David Lewis Decker
Ruby Nell Skelton Decker
Elizabeth Anne Dubose
Autura Eason-Williams
Paul Howe Eubanks, Jr.
Bevington Hartford Farnsworth
Angela R. Ford
Patty Lynn Franklin
Samuel Delwyn Fryer
John Adwell Halliburton

Nancy Bridges Hardaway
Roger L. Henson
Vauneida Henton
Roger Anthony Hopson
Joel V. Johnson
Albert Clay Kelly
Evelyn Patricia Kingsley
Ernest H. Lampley
Linda Anne McLargin
Jackie A. McMurray
Wendell A. Meggs
Martha I. Moore
Jo Helen Murphy
Billie J. Paris
Charles H. Poole
Carol Riley Powers
Norene C. Rainey
Wayne G. Reece
Rosalina Salyers

Robert Sidney Saywell
Joe Kenneth Shelton, Sr.
Larry Hyder Smith
Carolyn Fay Smithmier
Robert H. Spain
Syble M. Spain
Bettie Spiva
Gwendolyn H. Stone
May Bell Stuart
William Edward Tate
Debra R. Tyree
Raymond Frank Walker
Elizabeth Ann Weakley
Phillip Barry Wright

PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS

Rev. Pat Freudenthal

