

A Service of Worship
Celebrating the Life
of
William E. Denham III



December 14, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Houston, Texas

Order of Worship

Organ Prelude

Rob Landes

*Entrance of the Family

*Word of Grace

Hymn of Praise *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

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*When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I repair;
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*The night becomes as day
When from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The pow'rs of darkness fear
When this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*In heav'n's eternal bliss
The loveliest strain is this,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let earth, and sea, and sky
From depth to height reply,
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Be this, while life is mine,
My song of love divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Sing this eternal song
Through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition, The Lord's Prayer

Poem *Requiem* James H. Denham

Witness to Bill's Life Rev. Jim Denham

Solo *Ten Thousand Joys*
Jennifer Johnson, soloist

Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-5a

1 John 4:7-21

Special Music Rob Landes

Homily Tom Pace

Reading from the Gospel

John 14:selected

Anthem *Twenty-Third Psalm* Rutter

*Commendation

God of us all, your love never ends.
When all else fails, you still are God.
Keep true in us
the love with which we hold one another.
In all our ways we trust you.
O God, all that you have given us is yours.
As first you gave Bill to us,
so now we give him back to you.
Receive Bill into the arms of your mercy.
Raise him up with all of your people.
Receive us also, and raise us into a new life.
And to you,
with your church on earth and in heaven,
we offer honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

*Benediction

*Recessional

**Indicates congregation standing, if able
Following the service, please remain in your seat
until dismissed by ushers.*

Organist, Rob Landes
Quartet, Grace Roman, Lauren Ruhl,
Ryan Jones, Randy Murrow
Soloist, Jennifer Johnson

Requiem

By Robert Louis Stevenson

Under the wide and starry sky,
Dig the grave and let me lie.
Glad did I live and gladly die.
And I laid me down with a will.

This be the verse you grave for me:
Here he lies where he longed to be
Home is the sailor, home from sea.
And the hunter home from the hill.

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