

A Service of Worship
Celebrating the Life
of
Charles William Duncan, Jr.
1926-2022



October 25, 2022
10:00 a.m.

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

Order of Worship

Prelude

String Quartet

Students at The Shepherd School of Music at Rice University

*Entrance of the Family

*Word of Grace

*Hymn of Praise

#77

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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When through 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;

Refrain

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!

Refrain

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dr. Tom Pace



Reading from the Psalter Psalm 23 (unison)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
 he leadeth me in the paths
 of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
 of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
 for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
 of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life; and I will dwell in
 the house of the LORD forever.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Isaiah 40:28-31 Leslie Rowan Duncan
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
 and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
 and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
 they shall walk and not faint.

1 Corinthians 13:8-13 Mariah Lillian Dingus

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. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. 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. 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. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Revelation 21:1-7 Leslie Anne Duncan

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
 “See, the home of God is among mortals.
 He will dwell with them as their God;
 they will be his peoples,
 and God himself will be with them;
 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
 Death will be no more;
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
 for the first things have passed away.”
And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.”

Solo *Amazing Grace*
Ana María Martínez, soprano Bethany Self, piano

Witnesses to Charles' Life Elizabeth Anne Dingus
Sarah Worthington Duncan
William Paul Dingus
Mary Anne Dingus
Charles William Duncan III

Solo *The Lord's Prayer* Malotte
Ana María Martínez, soprano Bethany Self, piano

Homily Dr. Tom Pace

Reading from the Gospel
John 14: selected

*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 Charles to us,
so now we give him back to you.
Receive Charles 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.

*Hymn of Praise
#89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee, God of Glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

* Benediction

*Recessional

Postlude Jim Roman, organist

* Indicates congregation standing, if able

The Shepherd School of Music musicians

Yu-Ming Ma, violin
Astrid Nakamura, violin
Gabe Galley, viola
Nathan Hsu, cello

Pallbearers

J. D. "Bucky" Allshouse
Curtis Allen Bales
William Frederick Dingus
William Paul Dingus
John House Duncan, Jr.
Titus Holliday Harris III
Michael Horace McCarty
Donald Glenn Roberts

The congregation is invited to a luncheon and reception
at the Bayou Club, 8550 Memorial Drive,
Houston, Texas 77024.

The family will join you shortly.