

A Service of Worship
Celebrating the Life
of

Russell James Maley

November 11, 1992 - November 30, 2022



January 13, 2023

1 p.m.

Sanctuary

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Houston, Texas

Order of Worship

Prelude

Thanushka Bandara

*Entry of Family

*Word of Grace

Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

*Song of Praise *Amazing/My Chains are Gone*

Chris Tomlin

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.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Revelation 22:1-5

Alison Lampton

Solo

Darkness

Ashley & Thanushka Bandara

Ashley Bandara, soloist

Remembrance

Garrett Bonnin

Jack Maley

Word of Faith

Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

Solo

Thy Will

Hillary Scott

***Commendation**

God of us all, your love never ends.
When all else fails, you still are God.
We pray to you for one another in our need.
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 Russell to us,
 so now we give him back to you.
Receive Russell 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**

Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

***Postlude**

Thanushka Bandara

**indicates congregation standing, if able*

*The congregation is invited to greet the family at a reception
in the Fellowship Hall following the service.*

Russell James Maley, age 30, of Houston, TX, passed away unexpectedly on November 30, 2022.

Russell was born on November 11, 1992, to Jack and Angela Maley in Corpus Christi, TX. After Russell graduated from Katy High School in 2011, he went on to study percussion at Moore's School of Music at the University of Houston. Russell was baptized at Calvary Church a non-denominational church in Friendswood, Texas.

Russell was a talented drummer who played with bands ranging in genre from jazz to country to heavy rock. Russell also competed nationally in Drum and Bugle Corps and won a bronze medal with Phantom Regiment in 2012. He also graciously contributed his talents as a resident drummer St. Luke's United Methodist Church's Contemporary Worship service on Sunday mornings, whose congregation will hold him and his music in their hearts.

Ever the creative, Russell found an additional artistic outlet in writing as a freelance writer and editor for individuals and companies seeking a clear and clever voice.

In addition to his passion for drumming and writing, Russell found and fostered a deep passion for dogs that led him to a career in dog training. Russell took this passion and turned it into a business in February 2020 when he opened Russell Maley Professional Dog Training. Even after opening his own business, Russell found every opportunity to work with new dogs and organizations, which led him to also work with a dog training facility called Love for Dogs, an organization which will miss him dearly.

Russell was predeceased by grandparents Frank K. Russell, Michael J. Maley Sr, and Alice Maley and uncle Richard Frank Russell. He is survived by his grandmother Diann "MiMi" Russell, his father Jack Maley, his mother Angela Maley, his brothers Jack Maley Jr and Andrew Maley, his sister-in-law Lauren Miller, his aunts Denise Russell, Margaret Jordan, Carol Price and her son Michael Price, Alison Lampton and her husband Jason and Cheryl Krussel along with a host of cousins and other family members.

Anyone wishing to honor Russell's memory with a gift may donate to the no-kill dog shelter of their choice.