

**I'm Free**

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

**A Service of Worship  
Celebrating the Life  
of**

**William Hornbuckle England III**



**October 11, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

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

## Order of Worship

Prelude Marvin Gaspard

\*Entrance of the Family

\*Word of Grace

\*Hymn of Praise

#454 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

Prayer of Thanksgiving Tom Pace

Lesson 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 the Holy Scripture

Corinthians 13:4-13 Christopher England, Bryan England  
Philippians 2:1-5 Garrett Faden, Brent Faden  
Colossians 3:12

Witness to Bill's Life Michael England

Solo *The Lord's Prayer* GREGORIAN  
Lauren Ruhl, soloist

Homily Tom Pace

Lesson 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 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.

Hymn of Praise  
#378 *Amazing Grace* AMAZING GRACE  
(vs. 1, 2, 3, 6)

\*Benediction

\*Recessional

*\*Indicates congregation standing, if able*

*The congregation is invited to greet the family at a reception  
in the Hines Baker Room immediately following the service.*