



Memorial Service for Frank and Grace Dukenski **April 22, 2023**

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April 22, 2023, 1:00pm

Whether we live or whether we die we are the Lord's!

—Romans 14:8b

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother Frank and our sister Grace, to give thanks for their lives, to commend them to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death.

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
we too might live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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Pastoral Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our siblings in Christ, Frank & Grace. We thank you for giving them to us to know & love as companions in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.

Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through your son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Musical Tribute to Frank and Grace by Jeanette Harris

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 18

Carol Lansing

Now this is the commandment — the statutes and the ordinances — that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may go in and occupy the good land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you.

The word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Psalm 150

Pastor Chris

Hallelujah!

Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.

Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.

Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-17, 25-33a

Richard Lansing

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem.

The Gospel of the Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Jeanette will sing the first stanza. All join in singing remaining stanzas.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray. Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ.

Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

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 and ever. Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Commendations

Let us commend Frank and Grace to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.
Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Frank/Grace Dukenski.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive him/her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of all the saints in light. **Amen**

Dismissal

Let us go forth in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen**

Postlude

"I'll Fly Away"

by Albert E. Brumley

1. Some glad morn-ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a-
2. When the shad-ows of this life have grown, fly a-way
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then, fly a - way

way;
fly a - way; To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore,
Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown,
To a land where joys shall nev - er end,

CHORUS

I'll fly a - way, fly a - way, fly a - way. I'll fly a - way, fly a -
way, O glo - ry, I'll fly a - way, fly a - way, in the morn - ing, When I die,
Hal - le - lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a - way, fly a - way, fly a - way.

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