

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR

David H. Kehret

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PRELUDE “O Mensch, bewein’ dein’ Sünde groß, BWV 622” -J. S. Bach
 “Lift High the Cross” -arr. by John G. Barr

Stand, as able.

All turn to face the cross as it passes.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Lift High the Cross”

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till
 all the world a-dore his sacred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our cap-tain trod,
 2 All new-born ser-vants of the Cru-ci-fied,
 3 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be:

Refrain

our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother David. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Sit.

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCES

EXCERPT FROM THE WORK OF DAVID KEHRET

“Happy 500th, Noah!” from *Worshiping through Drama*

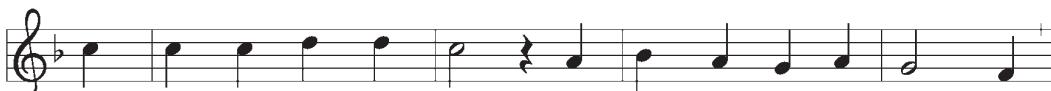
Presented by Rev. Katherine Museus Dabay and Rev. Joseph Cunningham

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Musical setting of Psalm 100 “Now Thank We All Our God”



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

+ 3 +

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

A A reading from Romans.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Musical Setting of Psalm 51 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

The musical setting consists of five staves of music in common time and G major. The lyrics are as follows:

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

Stand, as able.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:3-9

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

Sit.

HOMILY

Stand, as able.

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE

The prayers have been written by alumni of the Chapel Prayer Team.

A Gathered in unity with all of creation, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all needs.

A brief silence, then...

A Shepherding God, through all the ages you have lovingly tended your flock, the Church, through leaders whose voice beckons us to you and welcomes us into your story. Ignite us with a fire to seek out and boldly serve our world that your Church may continue to shine brightly, embodying the love and joy of Jesus. We pray especially for campus ministries and for congregations in pastoral leadership transitions. God of Light,

C Shine through us.

A God of creation, you made all creatures and called us good. Weave us together in unity with all people that your world may be saturated with the goodness you designed. We pray for an end to war, violence, and injustice, humbly knowing you will mold and shape us to be your hands and feet bringing your peace to life in this world. We pray especially for refugees seeking a safe place to live and for all whose abundance causes the exploitation of those who go hungry and thirsty. God of Light,

C Shine through us.

A God of joyful community, put a song of love in our hearts and set our paths in the life you came to awaken in us, that our communities may contagiously infect others with your call to have joyous life and have it abundantly. We pray especially for those whose belonging and value in their communities is questioned because of their race, gender, or sexual identity. Break our hearts of stone to create space for all who yearn for a place to be the ones you've created them to be. God of Light,

C Shine through us.

A God of miraculous healing, as you leave the 99 who are safe to seek the lost one who needs you, so open our eyes to those around us whose quest for wholeness will make all of us whole. We despair at the devastation of the coronavirus pandemic, the confusing power of cancer, the darkness of depression and the myriad of illnesses that bring pain and suffering... yet we do not lose hope in your power to heal. Bring new life to all who suffer and seek health and wholeness, especially those we name to you now in the silence of our hearts... God of Light,

C Shine through us.

A God of life, we cling to your promise that neither life nor death can separate us from your love. As we grieve the absence from this earthly life of your servant, our friend, brother and pastor David, remind us of the ways you shine your love to the world through him. Fill us with peace that as he awakens together in new life with Helen, Rebecca, and Tim, your loving power continues to connect all of us across all space and time. Thank you, God, for the powerful witness of all the saints who've gone before us. Give courage and faith to Matt and Erin and 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 Light,

C Shine through us.

A Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

OUR FATHER

You are invited to pray in whatever translation or language you prefer:

C 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
for ever and ever. Amen

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

CLOSING HYMN “Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)”



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my -
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?”
pray'r in you and you in me?”
mean in you and you in me?”
sound in you and you in me?”
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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BLESSING

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor this present, nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C Amen

RECESSATIONAL HYMN “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

Refrain—sung twice each time

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The first staff begins with a rest followed by a eighth note. The second staff starts with a quarter note. The third staff begins with a half note. The fourth staff starts with a quarter note. The fifth staff begins with a half note. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some words underlined to indicate pitch or rhythm. The score includes a repeat sign and a double bar line, followed by a section labeled "Repeat stanza, then sing refrain".

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

End

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African
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POSTLUDE

“O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth” -Setting by Paul Manz

*The family invites you to a time of fellowship in the Harre Union Ballroom,
following today's service.*

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SERVING THE COMMUNITY IN WORSHIP TODAY

Presiding Minister: Rev. James A. Wetzstein, *University Pastor*

Preaching Minister: Rev. Dr. Fred Niedner, *Senior Research Professor of Theology*

Chancel Drama Readers:

Rev. Katherine Museus Dabay, *University Pastor*

Rev. Joseph Cunningham, *University Pastor (1999-2011) and Dean of the Chapel of the Resurrection (1999-2010)*

Scripture Reader: Dr. Lorraine Brugh, *Adjunct Professor of Theology and CORE*

Prayer Reader: Greg Bohlken, '99

Prayer Writing Team:

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Lorri Swanson Batsie, '01

Lauren Caywood Eanes, '01

Kelly Faulstich, '00

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Rob Saler, '01

Greg Bohlken, '99

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Livestream Producer: Chris Boshoven, *Chapel Communications Coordinator*

DAVID H. KEHRET



Pastor David H. Kehret, on June 17th, 2021, left this earthly home to be with the one whom he was called to share to all people, all ages in various forms of ministry. He was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, on April 1, 1942, was adopted and raised by his parents, George and Caroline Kehret, along with sister Ruth. At the age of 9 years, his family moved to Pomona, California. He would recall palm trees waving him to take a venture off to the mountains, or to go to the ocean, the desert, or where the valley was known for its Orange Groves.

David attended Lutheran schooling, from St. Paul Grade School, Lutheran High, and California Lutheran College. He then continued his pursuit to be a pastor, by attending Concordia Senior College, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and then his last four years, receiving his Master of Divinity in 1967 at Concordia Lutheran Seminary, St. Louis, MO.

During his second to last seminary years, his Ministry internship brought him to First Lutheran Church, Omaha, NE, where he met and married his wife, Helen Scheumann on August 14, 1966.

Upon graduation in 1967, he received his first call in Northeast Iowa along the Mississippi River to a dual parish, St. Paul Lutheran in McGregor, Iowa, and Redeemer Lutheran, Elkader, Iowa. In 1970, brought him a calling for a new type of ministry, for the next 32 years, Campus Ministry.

The first 14 years he began Lutheran Campus Ministry from 1970-1984, serving Tri-Lutheran Students attending University of Omaha, Creighton University, and University of Nebraska Medical Center. His love for music, he began “New Song” group, who would go to congregations, sharing their ministry through many songs and chancel theater dramas that David had written. Just last year, members from the New Song group performed a new song he composed for the NELCM-Omaha Campus Ministry Evensong reunion choir, “There’s A New Song Soaring.”

David took his second calling in Campus Ministry at Valparaiso University’s Chapel of the Resurrection for the next 18 years, as Associate University Pastor. In those years of ministry, he brought newness to Contemporary Liturgical Music and Worship, Story Telling and Liturgical Drama. A drama troupe was formed on campus, called Soul Purpose. Their first play was adapted from a sermon by Pastor Dave, on the text Mark 12:28-34, titled “The Man Who Was Not Far from the Kingdom of God.” In the coming years, they continued to perform many adaptations of Pastor Kehret’s homilies. Many of these can be still found published in *Can These Bones Live: Contemporary Dramas for Lent & Easter* (Paperback – November 1, 1999). He also published *Worshiping through Drama* in 1999.

After Pastor Dave’s retirement from Campus Ministry in 2002, Helen and Dave moved to Charlottesville, Virginia. Retirement didn’t last real long, as Dave found a new ministry, Intentional Interim Ministry. He would serve in the coming years, as Pastor helping congregations with their transitions after particularly long pastorates, conflicts existing within the congregation, demographics change drastically, or during other church-changing circumstances. Each congregation was important to him, as he would serve them through Intentional Interim Ministry:

St. Matthew’s Bel Aire, MD

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Charlottesville, VA

Trinity Lutheran, Toccoa, GA - Grace Lutheran, Demorest, GA (Dual congregations)

Trinity Lutheran, Ft. Lauderdale, FL - final congregation

Leaving the view of the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia and Georgia...the palm trees were waving him back to the beaches. He would say, “I have gone full circle, back to the palm trees from his early youth” to his last church in Ft. Lauderdale...where a trip to the beach prior to every Sunday service, would put the final message altogether. His last video church service, his message was confirmation, the palm trees saying...”well done, thou faithful servant.”

David is survived by his son, Matthew Kehret and daughter-in-law Erin Kehret, sister (in-law) Christine Vosicka and husband Walt Vosicka, nephews, Justin, Derek and Jared Clarke and their families, and all those who call him Pastor. Proceeding him into God’s eternal life, parents George and Caroline Kehret-Anderson; wife, Helen Claire Kehret (2012); son, Timothy Mark Kehret (2000); daughter, Rebecca Christine Kehret (1968); and in-laws, Carl J. and Georgia L. Scheumann.

In lieu of flowers, please proceed to The Arbor Day Foundation at <https://shop.arborday.org/campaign/reforestation-donation/give> to donate on behalf of David Kehret. Arrangements entrusted to Barbara Falowski Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc.