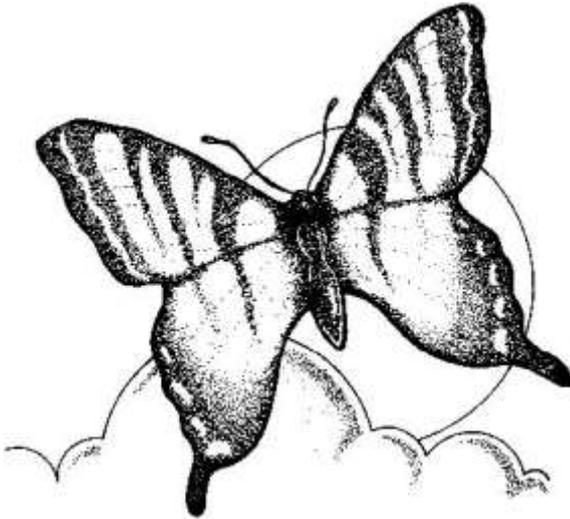


A Service of Remembrance
for our children
who left us too soon



October 21, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Houghton Wesleyan Church

Prelude

Invocation

Song *Be Still My Soul*

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Homily

Song: *You Are God Alone*

Liturgy of Missing Someone, Pt 1 (*Every Moment Holy* by Douglas Kaine McKelvey)

Leader: We willingly carry this ache.

People: We carry it, O Father, to you.

You created our hearts for unbroken fellowship, yet the constraints of time and place, and the stuttering rhythms of life in a fallen world dictate that all fellowships in these days will at times be broken or incomplete.

And so we find ourselves in this season, bearing the sorrow of our separation.

Naming and Distribution of Flowers

Liturgy of Missing Someone, Pt 2

We acknowledge, O Lord, that it is a right and a good thing to miss deeply those whom we love but with whom we cannot be physically present.

Grant us, therefore, courage to love well, even in this time of absence.

Grant us courage to shrink neither from the aches nor from the joys that love brings, for each, willingly received, will accomplish the good works you have appointed them to do.

Therefore, we praise you even for our sadness, knowing that the sorrows we steward in this life will in time be redeemed.

We praise you also knowing that these glad aches are a true measure of the bonds you have wrought between our hearts.

Now use our sorrows as tools in your hand, O Lord, shaping our hearts into a truer imitation of the affections of Christ.

Use even this sadness to carve out spaces in our souls where still greater repositories of holy affection might be held, unto the end that we might better love, in times of absence and in times of presence alike.

We now entrust all to your keeping. May our reunion be joyous, whether in this life or in the life to come.

How we look forward, O Lord, to the day when all our fellowships will be restored, eternal and unbroken. Amen.

Prayer

Song *It Is Well*

Benediction

*If you had a name remembered today,
please feel free to take a carnation with you.*

Please leave in silence after receiving your flower.

*For as long as we live, they too will live,
for they are now a part of us as
We remember them.*

We Remember Them

by Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer

At the rising sun and at its going down;

We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter;

We remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring;

We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer;

We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn;

We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends;

We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength;

We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart;

We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make;

We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share;

We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs;

We remember them.

For as long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as,

We remember them.

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

Traditional

Add'l Lyrics by Kari Jobe & Jason Ingram

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In every change He faithful will remain
Be still, my soul, Thy best, thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below

In you I rest, in You I found my hope
In you I trust, You never let me go
I place my life within your hands alone
Be still, my soul

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointed grief and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, loves purest joys restored
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

In you I rest, in You I found my hope
In you I trust, You never let me go
I place my life within your hands alone
Be still, my soul

In you I rest, in You I found my hope
In you I trust, You never let me go
I place my life within your hands alone
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You Are God Alone

by Billy and Cindy Foote

You are not a God, created by human hands
You are not a God, dependent on any mortal man
You are not a God, in need of anything we can give
By Your plan, that's just the way it is

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You are not a God, dependent on any mortal man
You are not a God, in need of anything we can give
By Your plan, that's just the way it is

You are God alone from before time began
You were on Your throne
You are God alone and right now
In the good times and bad
You are on Your throne
And you are God alone

You're the only God whose power none can contend
You're the only God whose name and praise will never end
You're the only God who's worthy of everything we can give
You are God and that's just the way it is

You are God alone from before time began
You were on Your throne
You are God alone and right now
In the good times and bad
You are on Your throne
And you are God alone

Unchangeable, unshakable, unstoppable
That's what You are
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It Is Well

Kristene DiMarco

Grander earth has quaked before
Moved by the sound of His voice

Through it all, through it all
It is well
Through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
And it is well with me

Far be it from me to not believe
Even when my eyes can't see
And this mountain that's in front of me
Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

Through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
Through it all, through it all
It is well
Through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
Through it all, through it all
It is well,
It is well

So let go my soul and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name
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It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul (x2)

It is well it is well with my soul
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And through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all it is well

Seas that are shaken and stirred
Can be calmed and broken for my regard

And through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You

And through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
And it is well with me