



# Celebration of Life

## William “Bill” Howard Wells

Saturday, February 17, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Prelude “Ode to Joy” Karen Myers

Greetings & Invocation Rev. Allison LeBrun

Opening Music “It is Well with My Soul” UMH #377

Comfort & Hope Father Jon Paul Robles

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary, and his  
understanding no one can fathom.

People: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths  
grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

Leader: But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary  
they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:28-31 NIV)

People: For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand  
and says to you, do not fear; I will help you. (Isaiah 41:13 NIV)

Leader: But now, this is what the Lord says- he who created you, Jacob, he who formed  
you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by  
name; you are mine.

People: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through  
the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you  
will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Leader: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior  
(Isaiah 41:1-3a NIV)

People: Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and  
gather you from the west. I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south,  
‘Do not hold them back.’

Leader: Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone  
who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.  
(Isaiah 43:5-7 NIV)

All: Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?  
You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I  
know not one. (Isaiah 44:8 NIV)

Hymn “Hymn of Promise” UMH #707

Prayer of Protection Rev. LeBrun

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore  
we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the  
heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake  
with their surging.

People: There is a river who streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where  
the Most High dwells. God is within her, and will not fall; God will help  
her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice,  
the earth melts. (Psalms 91:1-6 NIV)

Hymn “When We All Get to Heaven” UMH #701

Psalm of Confidence Father Jon Paul Robles

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from? My  
help comes from the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and Earth.

People: He will not let your foot slip, He who watches over you will not  
slumber; indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor  
sleep. The Lord watches over you, the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

All: The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will  
watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both  
now and forevermore. (Psalms 121 NIV)

**Hymn**                      “*Because He Lives*”                      UMH #364, Stanzas 1 & 2

**The Promised Gift of the Holy Spirit** Rev. LeBrun

*Leader: Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?*

**People:** *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."*

*Leader: I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.*

**People:** *All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

*Leader: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.*

**ALL:** *Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*  
(John 14:1-4, 18-19 & 25-27 NIV)

**Message of Hope** Rev. Lewis Macklin

**Hymn**                      “*Soon & Very Soon*”                      UMH #706

**Committal** Father Jon Paul Robles

**Benediction** Rev. LeBrun

**Hymn** *“Lord of the Dance”* UMH #261, Chorus



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