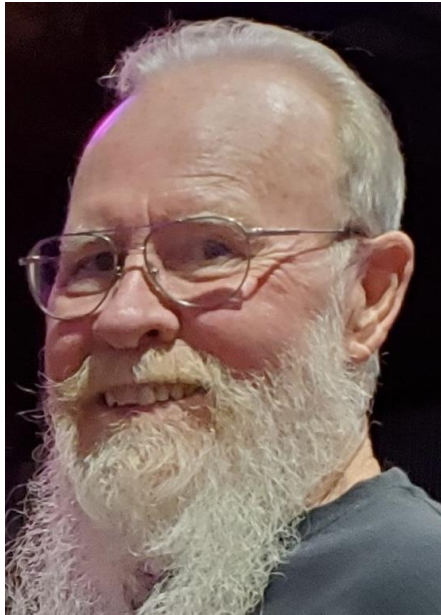


*A Celebration of Life*  
**Charles Thomas Kemp**

**May 25, 1951 – September 28, 2022**

**October 22, 2022  
11 am**



*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

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*Masks are optional for the service.*

Prelude

*Ben Boellner, Organist*

Welcome

*The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector*

Tolling of the Bell

*Charlie & Crosby Laur*

THE OPENING SENTENCES

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*Please stand as you are able. The Celebrant says the following anthem.*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though he die.

And everyone who has life,  
and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die forever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.

After my awakening, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,  
and none of us becomes his own master when he dies.

For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.

So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on  
are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.

OPENING HYMN – 376

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

## THE COLLECT

*The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Tommy. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call; we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: deal graciously with those who mourn in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING - Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

*Kathy Hooper*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND READING - 2 Timothy 4:6-8

*Pat O'Connell*

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness,

which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

SEQUENCE HYMN – 671

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound*

- 1   Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
          that saved a wretch like me!  
      I once was lost but now am found,  
          was blind but now I see.
- 2   'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
          and grace my fears relieved;  
      how precious did that grace appear  
          the hour I first believed!
- 3   The Lord has promised good to me,  
          his word my hope secures;  
      he will my shield and portion be  
          as long as life endures.
- 4   Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
          I have already come;  
      'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
          and grace will lead me home.
- 5   When we've been there ten thousand years,  
          bright shining as the sun,  
      we've no less days to sing God's praise  
          than when we'd first begun.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL - John 14:1-6

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the Celebrant.*

TRIBUTE AND REMEMBRANCE

*Bob Douglas & Bobbie Laur*

THE HOMILY

*The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey*

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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*The people stand as they are able. The Celebrant says the following*

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

*Celebrant and People*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Jane Anthon*

For our brother Tommy, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Tommy, and dry the tears of those who weep.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

**Hear us, Lord.**

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

**Hear us, Lord.**

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

**Hear us, Lord.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother Tommy; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers with the following collect*

Father of all, we pray to you for Tommy, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*The people are seated while the altar is prepared for the celebration of Holy Communion*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All persons, including children, are invited to receive the real and living presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Communion. Come forward to the altar rail at the invitation of the ushers. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. If you wish to also receive the wine indicate this to Mother Nancy and she will intinct the bread into the wine and put it in your hands. Those who prefer a blessing in lieu of Communion, please cross your arms on your chest.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A – BCP pg. 361

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



*The Celebrant offers thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available in Christ, and in response the people say:*

## **SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic prayer and at the conclusion says*

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant offers an invitation to Holy Communion. The people are seated.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, **Amen.***

## THE DISMISSAL

**Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## RECESSIONAL

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord*

- 1     You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
         who abide in this shadow for life,  
         say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
         my rock in whom I trust!"

*"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand."*

- 2   Snares of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge  
with faithfulness your shield.

*Refrain*

- 3   For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

*Refrain*

Postlude

*Following the service, the family invites you to a reception at the home of  
Bobbie & John Laur, 272 East Padonia Road.*

## **Participants for Today's Service**

### **Celebrant:**

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

### **Organist:**

Ben Boellner

### **Acolyte:**

The Rev. Karen L. Mercer

### **Chalicerist:**

Anne Wismer

### **Readers:**

Kathy Hooper, Pat O'Connell

### **Prayers of the People:**

Jane Anthon

### **Tributes and Remembrances:**

Bob Douglas, Bobbie Laur

### **Bell Ringers:**

Charlie & Crosby Laur

### **Usher:**

Suzie Merryman

### **Broadcast Engineer:**

Stephanie Everts

## **SHERWOOD EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all,  
impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions.*

### **Sunday Service - 10 am**

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Sherwood Episcopal Church. Please know that whoever you are and whatever your background is, you are welcome here. As we gather together today to celebrate the life of Tommy Kemp, we hope that you will let this sacred space be a container for your grief and that you will receive comfort and hope in the prayers, the hymns, the scripture readings, and the sacrament of Holy Communion. In addition to that, we also want you know that the light of love that burns here at Sherwood Church through our worship, our Christian formation, and our outreach to the community is all done to the glory of God and in response to Jesus Christ's message that tells us to go into the world and preach the Gospel. It is our sincere hope that you will return often and that you will come just as you are to pray to God here in this holy place!