

A SERVICE IN WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION AND
IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

William Farnum Eastman

September 25, 1932-May 12, 2022



**THE OLIN T. BINKLEY MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA**

August 2, 2022
2:00 pm

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Londonderry Air
Be Thou My Vision
In the Bulb There Is a Flower
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
Fairest Lord Jesus
Aria
Abide with Me

Stephen Schaeffer, organ

Improvisation
arr. Dale Wood
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arr. Dale Wood
George F. Handel
arr. Wilbur Held

* ENTRANCE OF THE FAMILY

OPENING SENTENCES & WORDS OF GRACE

Marcus McFaul

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

I lift up my eyes to the hills –
from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

[The Lord] will not let your foot be moved;
[the One] who keeps you will not slumber.

**[The One] who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil...
will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

adapted from Psalm 121

* OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth
stanzas 1, 2, & 4

* INVOCATION

Stephanie Ford

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:38-39

Melinda & Jim Wilde

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

REMEMBRANCES

Kimberly Eastman Zirkle

Mahan Siler

NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYER

Gloria Lightsey-Lewis

I give you this one thought to keep:
I am with you still -- I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glint of snow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush of
quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not think of me as gone --
I am with you still -- in each new dawn!

REMEMBRANCES

Napier Baker

Jim Pike

SPIRITUAL QUOTES

Gregory Dohi

"My purpose in life is to help people remember what they already know but have forgotten."

-Socrates

*"Believing as I do in the theory of rebirth, I live in the hope that if not in this birth,
in some other birth I shall be able to hug all humanity in friendly embrace."*

-Gandhi

MUSICAL SELECTION

Song of Peace

Gregory Dohi, vocalist

REMEMBRANCES

Franklin Zirkle

Grandsons

Karen Eastman

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Marcus McFaul

Therefore, my heart is glad; and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

-Psalm 16:9

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

* HYMN

Amazing Grace

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Karen Coletti, Tonya Hamm, and Karin Mills, vocalists

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

It is with profound sadness and heavy tears that I am not with you, and yet I am and always will be with you. ALL IS ONE, and thus through the thin veil between us we will communicate. I will always send you love and you can always connect with me. Furthermore, my guides and yours will always work together for your highest good and you don't even have to ask them. You don't need to seek, just be aware.

It is time for me to move to the next phase of my soul growth, and as difficult as it is to leave you whom I love so deeply and you who have loved me so fully, I need to go forward and am ready to do so amidst the loving care and support of my guides.

With deepest gratitude to each one of you, I acknowledge that each of you has given me exactly what I needed, and I ask that you take forward in your own journeys the best of me that is meaningful for you to use and share with others. Thank you from the core of my heart for our journey together.

*With love and appreciation and hope and joy,
Bill Eastman*

POSTLUDE

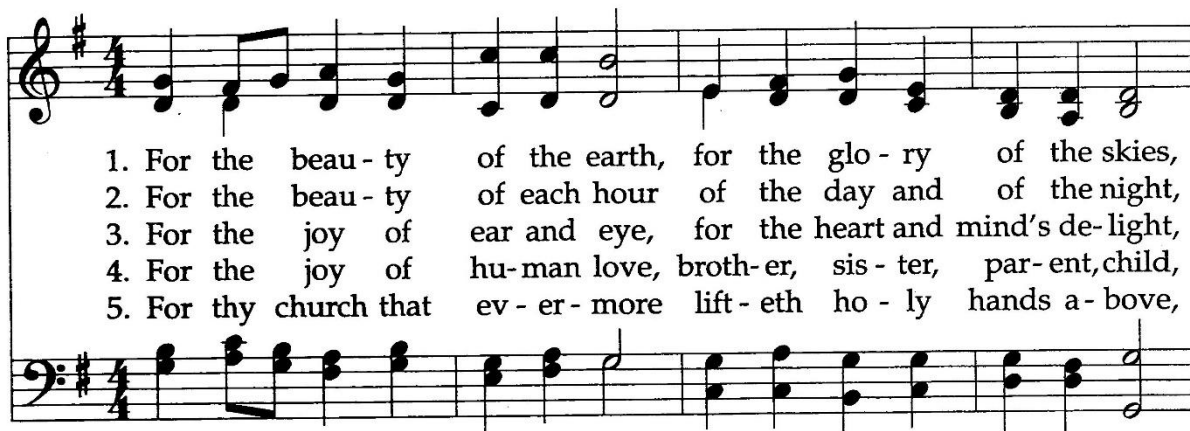
For All the Saints

arr. Wilbur Held

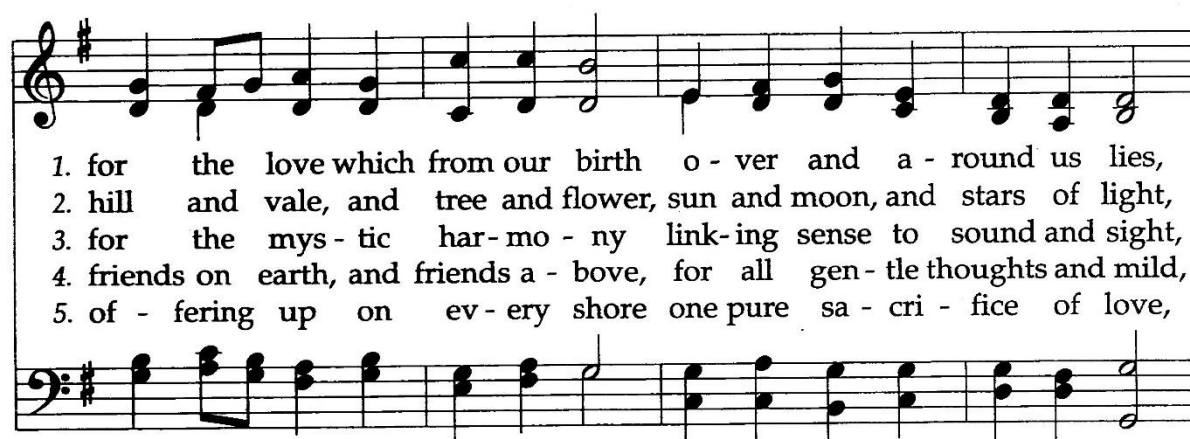


*The family invites you to join them for a reception in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following the service.*

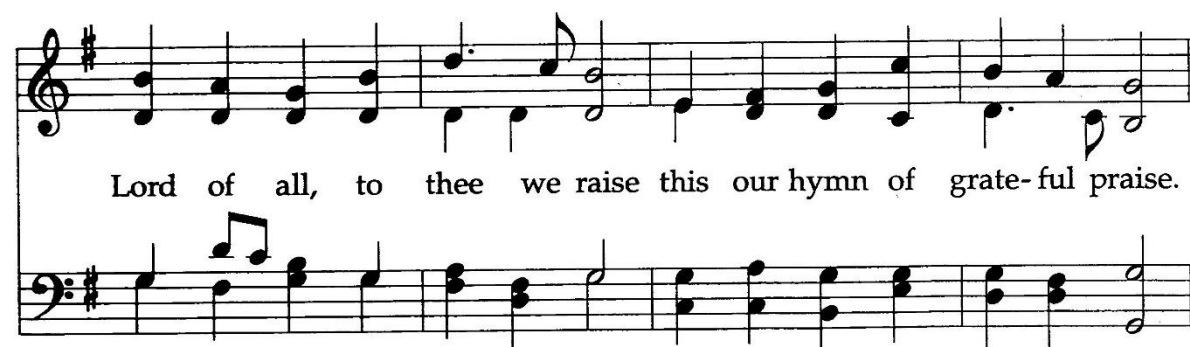
For the Beauty of the Earth



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5. For thy church that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,



1. for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
2. hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
3. for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
4. friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
5. of - fering up on ev - ery shore one pure sa - cri - fice of love,



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
 'tis grace hath 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.

For an alternate arrangement see 670

Words: st. 1-4 John Newton, 1779, st. 5 *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790, P.D.

Music (NEW BRITAIN 8.6.8.6): *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. and harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900, P.D.

William Farnum Eastman died on May 12, 2022, at Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill, NC, from complications of stroke and pneumonia.

Bill was born on September 25, 1932, in Dover, NH, the younger son of Bernice L. Munn and Edson F. Eastman. His mother was a high school English teacher, and his father was a dairy cow expert who taught at the University of New Hampshire, managed large dairy farms, and eventually owned creameries in Hillsboro and Concord, NH (the latter being Eastman's Dairy). Bill loved animals, especially the ponies and the ever-present family dogs and cats. He loved eating ice cream, delivering milk, delighting in the snow, and playing baseball in the pastures with his dad and older brother Paul.

A 1950 graduate of Concord High School, Bill was class president his sophomore and junior years and student council president his senior year. He lettered in three sports, co-captained his basketball and baseball teams, was a member of the National Honor Society, and a representative to Boys' State. In his senior year, his classmates and teachers awarded him the American Legion Medal for courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy for a post-graduate year and lettered in basketball and baseball.

In 1955, Bill earned a B.S. in physical education from Rutgers University. During his college years, he was a resident hall advisor, chairman of the chapel ushers, sports editor and business manager of the Scarlet Letter yearbook, and President of Chi Psi fraternity. He was also elected to the Scarlet Key and the Cap and Skull Honor Societies. He made money delivering four daily newspapers, but he spent most of his time earning five athletic letters in basketball and baseball. The summers after his junior and senior years, he played semiprofessional baseball in college leagues in Canada and Maine.

After college, Bill attended Yale Divinity School (class of '59). He served a 14-month internship in pastoral care at Baptist Hospitals in Winston-Salem, NC. In May 1958, he met Judith Ann Northen of Richmond, VA, also a pastoral care intern. They married four months later and spent the next 64 years devoted to each other. He often referred to Judith with deep gratitude as his life-changing spiritual mentor. They welcomed two girls: Kimberly Ann, born in 1962, and Karen Leta in 1965. Borrowing the words of his inspirational teacher Gloria Karpinski, Bill wrote in a draft of his own obituary that he "was deeply grateful for the privilege of being their dad, for the joy of being their friend and for the grace of sharing their path."

Bill was ordained by the United Church of Christ in 1959, but never served as a minister. Instead, he went back to school and in 1964 was awarded an Ed.D. in marriage counseling from the University of Pennsylvania. While pursuing his doctoral degree, he was a staff member at

Marriage Council of Philadelphia, an Assistant Instructor in the University of Pennsylvania School of Education and an Instructor in Family Study in Psychiatry in the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He was also an intake worker with the Philadelphia Child Welfare Department for a year. From 1963 to 1966 Bill was on staff at the Children's Aid and Family Service Society of Baltimore County, Maryland. And in 1966, he earned his third degree after college, a Master's in Social Work (M.S.W.) from the University of Maryland School of Social Work.

The Eastmans moved to Chapel Hill in June of 1966 and from then until 1976 Bill was the first marriage counselor on staff in the Student Health Service at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was also an Assistant Clinical Professor of Marriage Counseling in the Department of Psychiatry in the UNC-CH School of Medicine.

From 1976 until Halloween 2005, when they moved into Carol Woods Retirement Community, Bill and Judith shared a private practice of psychotherapy called Eastman Services, Inc. He remained active in professional organizations during these years. He was a Fellow and Supervisor of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and served on the Board of Directors, and on the Admissions, Supervision, Training and Standards, and Long-Range Planning Committees. He was twice elected president of the North Carolina Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and in 2000 was presented their Pioneer Award, 'for making significant contributions to the establishment and/or development of the profession of marriage and family therapy with long-term impact.' He dedicated this award to Judith by remarking that "just like Fred Astaire said of Ginger Rogers, she danced every step with me, just backwards and in high heels."

Bill chaired the Counseling Section of the National Council on Family Relations and served as a board member of the North Carolina Family Life Council. He and Judith were certified leader couples and served as chair couple of the Training and Certification Committee of the Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment. They were also certified instructors in the Minnesota Couples Communication Program. He was a licensed marriage and family therapist and licensed clinical social worker.

Bill was fun. He had a joyful, playful disposition and deeply enjoyed the fullness of life with his family and friends. Many family gatherings were enjoyed at Emerald Isle and Smith Mountain Lake. He loved jokes, pranks and neighborhood parties. He laughed with his whole body before he could tell you what was so funny. He prearranged for his body to be donated to the UNC Chapel Hill School of Medicine for the training and education of a future health care provider "after he was finished with it."

He greatly enjoyed playing tennis, snow skiing, sailing, and cheering for the Tar Heels, particularly in basketball and baseball. He cheered most vigorously for any activity involving his children and grandchildren. He and Judith loved to travel internationally with dear friends and family to beautiful places, many with spiritual significance. He supported environmental and justice causes, felt a real connection to Native Americans, and had a soft spot in his heart for the blind and physically challenged. Bill was deeply spiritual; he believed in the sacredness and interrelatedness of all elements, creatures, and people; in the concept of All Is One; in reincarnation; in the journey and growth of our souls in love and service as the purpose of human life; in the total, non-judgmental love from God; in the unique revelations and influence from each person's loving guides; and in the sacred contracts of each person's life. He was committed to a life of soul growth, discipleship, service, non-judgment, justice, affirming love, striving to live one's own truth, and sharing the gifts one came to give.

Active in Binkley Church since 1966, Bill served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and member of the pastoral search and personnel relations committees. He was the volunteer minister of visitation for five years before he left that role to be more available to Judith, who was living with dementia. His patient, kind, encouraging and loving devotion to her, especially in the last chapter of their life together, was inspirational. Through handwritten notes, voicemails, and conversations, Bill had a remarkable way of affirming others so that they felt special, seen, and understood. He delighted in reaching out to others for holidays, birthdays, and anniversaries of all kinds.

Surviving Bill are his wife, Judith Northen Eastman; two daughters and two sons-through-love, Kimberly Eastman Zirkle (Franklin Zirkle) of Chapel Hill, NC, and Karen Leta Eastman (Gregory Dohi) of Valley Village, CA; four grandsons and two granddaughters-through-love: Chandler Zirkle (Grace Sullivan Zirkle) of Chapel Hill, Hartford Zirkle (fiancée Hattie Ferguson), of Raleigh, NC, and Julian and Jordan "Jordy" Dohi of Valley Village, CA. He is also survived by a handful of cousins, many nephews and nieces, and numerous friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother Paul. The family expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to the communities of Binkley Church and Carol Woods and to all others who befriended and supported Bill and his family throughout his entire life.

Memorial gifts may be made to Binkley Church at 1712 Willow Drive, Chapel Hill NC 27514 and earmarked "Bill Eastman/Pastoral Care Fund." In honor of him, you may also choose to enjoy some ice cream, send a card or make a phone call to affirm someone you love.

