

A Service Celebrating the Life of

The Reverend Bruce Kline Cornwell

Saturday, October 28, 2023

(*Please rise in body or in spirit)

PRELUDE “Jeremiah”

VOTUM

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. ***Amen.***

SENTENCES John 11:25-26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, though they die, yet they shall live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

Introit “Living Souls”

Invocation

Hymn “I Belong to You”

Refrain:

I belong to you, O God, I belong to you.

I belong to you, O God, I belong to you.

In the morning when I rise, I belong to you.

In the morning when I rise, I belong to you.

In the evening when I sleep, I belong to you.

In the evening when I sleep, I belong to you.

Refrain

*My comfort in this life is I belong to you.
My comfort in this life is I belong to you.
My comfort when I die is I belong to you.
My comfort when I die is I belong to you.*

Refrain

*My body and my soul, they belong to you.
My body and my soul, they belong to you.
My body and my soul, they belong to you.
My body and my soul, they belong to you.*

Refrain

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

SALUTATION

Grace to you and peace from God Everlasting and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ANTHEM "Where the Light Begins"

Ben April and Kevin Ingalls

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, before whose face the generations rise and pass away, you formed us in your image and willed us to live before you in peace and love. We confess we are not the people you created or called us to be we have not loved you with our whole heart or our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive our sin, O God, and create in us a new and willing spirit, so that in our living, we may serve you, and in our dying, enter the joy of your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TIAZE MEDITATION "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
In the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.*

OUR ASSURANCE OF PARDON

EULOGIES

Kevin Bottini, Deacon
Rev. David Jones, Greenbush Reformed Church

OUR PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 29:1-14

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. This was after King Jeconiah, and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the artisans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem. The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom King Zedekiah of Judah sent to Babylon to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. It said: Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

MEDITATION "Trust the Plan"

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

*HYMN 362 "Morning has Broken"

362 Morning Has Broken

In the morning you will see the glory of the Lord. Ex. 16:7

Unison

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant **Bruce Cornwell** Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Thanks Be To God!

COMMITTAL Romans 14:7-9

COMMITTAL SENTENCE

PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*THE IRISH BLESSING

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, and until we meet again,
May the God who loves us all
Hold you in the palm of His hand.*

POSTLUDE "You'll Never Walk Alone"

On behalf of the Cornwell family,

I thank you for joining in today's celebration of Bruce's life.
Throughout this final journey, your prayers and love sustained us,
and we knew we never walked alone.
The outpouring of support has been more than we could have imagined,
and we are humbled and truly grateful.
May your tears of sadness be mixed with tears of joy
as you remember his life.
Surely, the Lord had plans for Bruce. The Lord has plans for you.

Go forward in peace, today and always.
Sandy

On behalf of the Cornwell family, they would like to invite all to gather in fellowship following this service, prepared in love by the congregation of Community Reformed Church.

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