



-Drawings by Charles William Clark

A worship service to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Charles William Clark

(February 26, 1942 – May 24, 2025)



Gathering

Preludes

Invocation

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

Thanks be to God.



(Charles' drawing of the St. Luke Cross)

(Prayer after a death and cremation has taken place)

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.

We remember that we are dust and will all return to the dust, "ashes to ashes, dust to dust." Grant that these ashes, the remains of the body of Charles Clark, may be to us a sign of our human mortality and brokenness. So help us take joy in the promises of Jesus your Son that you will raise us up on eagles' wings and give us new bodies and new spirits in the Resurrection of the Just in the last days. May we remember today that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; we ask these prayers through Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 121 read in Dialogue

I lift up my eyes to the hills—

from where will my help come?

²My help comes from the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

³The Lord will not let your foot be moved;

God who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴The Lord who keeps Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day

nor the moon by night.

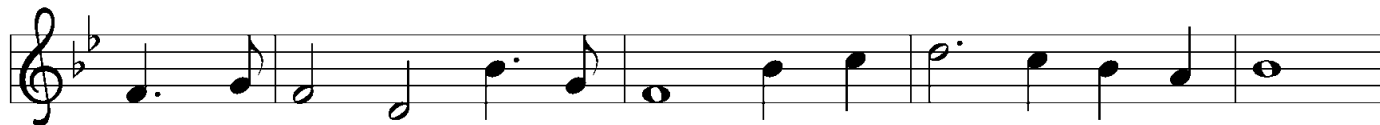
⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil;

The Lord will keep your life.

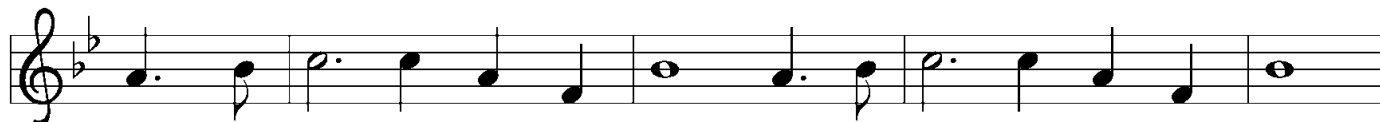
⁸The Lord will keep

your going out and your coming in

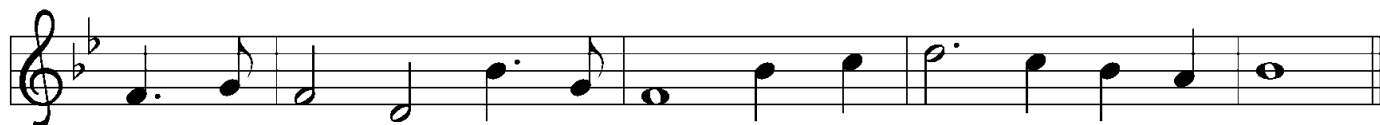
from this time on and forevermore.



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

A Time of Remembering

The Obituary is Read

Commentary/ Remembrances/ Stories

Hymn ELW 773

Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws



stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near, When my life is al - most gone,
near, And the day is past and gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I
At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my



light, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
hand. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

Tune: PRECIOUS LORD, 66 9 D; George N. Allen; arr. by Kelly Dobbs Mickus, b.1966

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Prayers for a day of Remembering and Memorial

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother *Charles William Clark*. We thank you for giving him to his family,, to Sandy and her families, and to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us in our mourning and sadness. Give us your aid, so we may see here in Charles' death the promises of the gate unto eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with all those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, your days are without end and your mercies cannot be counted. Make us aware of the shortness and uncertainty, the unexpectedness of the illnesses of body, mind and spirit. The loss of memory, and of the mortality of human life, and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, so that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the community of your Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a holy hope, in favor with you, our God, and in peace with all humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 31:6-9

⁶The Lord God said to *Moses*: Be strong and bold, Moses; have no fear or dread of your enemies, because it is I, the Lord your God, who goes with you; The LORD will not fail you or forsake you." So ⁷ then Moses summoned *Joshua* and said to *him* in the sight of all Israel, "You, Joshua, be strong and bold, for you are the one (not I) who will go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their ancestors to give them, and *you* will put them in possession of it. (*I will not reach the Holy Land. I will die. And my bones will be carried into the land across the Jordan*) ⁸It is the Lord who now goes before you. The Lord God will be with you; God will not fail you or forsake you. So, do not fear or be dismayed."

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David

The Lord the Shepherd of His People

23 The Lord *is* my shepherd;
I shall not want.
²He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
³He restores my soul;
**He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.**
⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You *are* with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Epistle Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

The New Heaven and the New Earth

21 Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

*“See, the home of God is among mortals.
God will dwell with them;
they will be God's peoples,
and God will be with them and be their God;
⁴God will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”*

⁵And the One who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the Ending. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the Springs of the Water of eternal life.

Gospel

Alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

Jesus the Way to the Father

14 (Jesus counseled his disciples in the Upper Room of Passover before his death.) Jesus said to them, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house (mansion) there are many dwelling places (rooms). If it were not so, would I have told you that I go now to prepare a place for you?^[b] ³ But if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to be with myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.”^[c] ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “Thomas, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Message

The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer, Interim Pastor

(A Message of hope based on John 11, the death of Lazarus . . . “Jesus wept.”)



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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Creed (the baptismal/ Apostles' creed)

**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 into hell.
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.**

Prayers

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one holy community, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die daily to sin and rise each day into newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with Jesus to our joyful resurrection.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and right living all our days.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant to your faithful people pardon, forgiveness of sins, and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant to [Charles' surviving family and loved ones] and all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

Hear us, Lord.

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

Hear us, Lord.

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant us grace to entrust the soul and mortal remain of Charles William Clark to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life. You were his Rock of Ages and Mighty Fortress. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor you bear for your people.

Hear us, Lord.

Collect Prayer

God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer (traditional form)

**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.**

COMMENDATION

The ministers take their places at the urn.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior and Good Shepherd, we commend your servant Charles William Clark. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive *him/her* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen.

Benediction

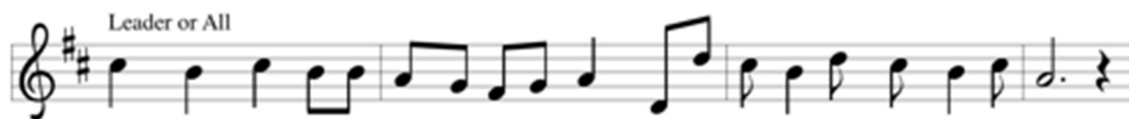
The Blessing of God almighty, the Father-Creator who fashioned and made us, the Eternal Son of God, Jesus our Lord and Savior, and the Indwelling Wind and Breath of the Holy Spirit the Comforter be upon you this day and always. May this God of Peace make you perfect in every good work to do God's holy will and may God work in you that which is well pleasing in God's sight, to whom be glory and praise, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The procession of family members forms and leaves the church, the minister preceding the urn.

Hymn ELW 787 (Verses sung by a Cantor; Refrain: Congregation) On Eagles' Wings



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



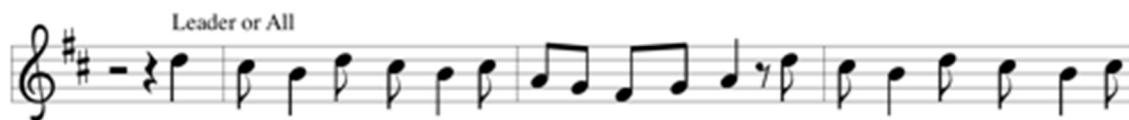
say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



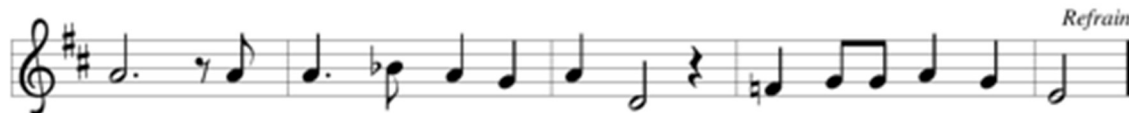
2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

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Leader or All

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-gainst a stone.

Final refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Postlude

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