



Memorial Service

The SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College
Syracuse, NY
Friday, May 31, 2024 • 10:30 AM

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life."

People: We believe in resurrection and life in Christ.

Leader: Jesus offers us a hope that will never die.

People: We believe in the One who offers hope that never dies.

Leader: Jesus knows our grief and holds our sorrow.

People: And yet, we also say, if only Lord.

Leader: Jesus comes to us to comfort and to renew.

People: We embrace Jesus' invitation to new life.

Leader: Jesus turns to us in hope and promise, "Do you believe?"

People: Yes, Lord we believe; we believe that You are the resurrection and the life.

A WORD TO THE FAMILIES

Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez

LITURGY FOR THE FAMILIES

Bishop: In times of grief, we gather as a covenant community to find solace and strength in our faith. Let us now share words of hope and support with one another.

Families: We come together as a family, united in our sorrow and seeking comfort. We cling to the promise of eternal life and the presence of resurrection in our lives. In this we find hope and reassurance that our loved ones are in the arms of our loving Savior.

Bishop: Our hearts have been reminded by the Spirit of the peace that surpasses all understanding, bringing comfort during our times of grief.

Families: We are comforted by a sense of peace amidst the storm of grief. We trust in God’s plan and find solace in God’s presence. We are reminded that even in our darkest moments, we can find peace knowing that God is with us.

Bishop: Let us now share what resonates with us and how our understanding of grief and faith impacts us.

Families: We are reminded that grief is a natural part of our human experience, but our faith provides us with a foundation of hope. We are encouraged to lean on one another for support and to find comfort in the presence of God. We have a deeper understanding of how our faith can sustain us during times of loss.

Bishop: Let us continue to lean on each other, to offer love and support, and to hold onto the hope and peace that our faith in Christ provides.

Families: Together, we will journey through this season, knowing that we are not alone. We will find strength in our shared faith and the love of our family. Together we will navigate this difficult time with hope, finding comfort in the promises of eternal life and the presence of God.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

John 11:17-27

SONG OF PREPARATION

It is Well

UNY Korean Caucus

MESSAGE

Dr. Scott Johnson

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

District Superintendents will read the names of those deceased. Friends and family members are invited to stand during the reading of the name.

CLERGY SPOUSES

Kathryn Irene Hall	May 12, 2023	Joyce Bice	October 9, 2023
Nana Carrillo	June 5, 2023	Kyung-Eun Yang	October 14, 2023
Rebecca Keating	July 14, 2023	John Shafer	October 28, 2023
Phyllis Jensen	August 5, 2023	Sondra Brown	December 16, 2023
Mildred Hunter	October 2, 2023	Joan Werly Sapp	April 13, 2024

CLERGY

William Sanford Rowe IV	April 29, 2023	Harland J West	July 5, 2023
Sharon Sauer	May 5, 2023	Lyston Knappenberger	July 14, 2023
Paul Mills	May 10, 2023	Wendell Elmendorf Jr.	July 15, 2023
Ann Blair	May 12, 2023	Gerald Wolter	July 30, 2023
LeROY Kettinger	May 27, 2023	Edgar Hunter	August 9, 2023

Robert David Oertel	July 1, 2023	Paul Gongloff	September 20, 2023
Norman Parsons	September 30, 2023	Gene Ferguson	January 20, 2024
Robert Michael Stoppert	September 30, 2023	Dean Masland	January 24, 2024
John David Wolcott	October 3, 2023	Ruth E Reppert	February 14, 2024
Beth Bouwens	November 11, 2023	Patrick L Holder	February 28, 2024
Violet Davidson	November 26, 2023	Shirley Moore-Krackhardt	March 2, 2024
Norman Bice	December 8, 2023	Theodore Bleck	March 13, 2024
Vernon Lee Jr.	December 10, 2023	Harold Coller	March 17, 2024
Mary Ann Linder	December 18, 2023	Judith Johnson Siebold	March 23, 2024
William Sanford Hart	December 25, 2023	Rexford Tucker	March 28, 2024
Rusingizwa John Bizimana	January 13, 2024		
James Laun	January 18, 2024	Bishop Sudashar Devedhar	July 18, 2023

LAY MEMBERS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CONFERENCE LAY LEADER

We invite you to lift the names of those persons who died this past year who served as lay members to conference.

Thanks be to God for the love shown to the world through these saints. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

5. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.

BENEDICTION

Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez

Worship Planning Team:

Rev. Nancy Dibelius, chairperson
Rev. Chad Sayers
Pastor Rebekah Solar
Pastor Kevin Kitto

Music Team:

Nairobi Smith, music director
Iain Cockram
Brendan Fox
Pastor Kevin Kitto
Marietta Kitto
Pastor CJ Rolle
Noah Stierheim

Special thanks to all who have helped with this service in any way.

