



A Service of Thanksgiving and Hope

In Memory of

Daniel Friedrich Kortemeyer

(April 4, 1999 – October 18, 2020)

Saturday, October 24, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Martin Luther Chapel
East Lansing, Michigan

A Service of Thanksgiving and Hope

Pre-Service Music

(Geoff Ruonavaara, viola; Daniella Cruz, viola; Petra Telgkamp)

“Amazing Grace” and “Jesus Loves Me”

arr. by Wayne Fritchie

“Prelude from Cello Suite No. 5”

arr. by J.S. Bach

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **People: Amen.**

Pastor: 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. **People: Thanks be to God.**

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

(The pall is placed upon the urn)

Pastor: In Holy Baptism Daniel was clothed with the robe of Christ’s righteousness. St. Paul says, “Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?”

People: “We were buried therefore with Him by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.”

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Yea 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.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray,

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for your loving-kindness shown to Daniel and to all your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

Musical Gift: Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Minor

The Well-Tempered Clavier J.S. Bach
(Chris Behrens, piano)

FIRST READING: Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Musical Gift: Arioso

J.S. Bach
(*Geoff Ruonavaara, viola*)

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2, 16-24

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before

God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken in Unison)

**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.**

Musical Gift: "You are Mine"

arr. by David Haas
(*Julia Sager, voice; Mary Grace, piano*)

MESSAGE "What Can We Say"

Romans 8:31-39
Pastor Curt Dwyer

Musical Gift: "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

arr. by Charles H. Gabriel
(*Rebecca Rose, Oboe*)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “Hear our prayer.”

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

Pastor: In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God the earthly remains of our brother, Daniel Friedrich Kortemeyer. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

Pastor: Let us pray:

Almighty God, by the death of your Son, Jesus Christ you destroyed death, by his rest in the tomb you sanctified the graves of all your saints, and by his bodily resurrection you brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory of death and grave that he won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for him on earth and will all in heaven who are with him, for he is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Hymn: “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

for silent meditation only

Arr. George Frideric Handel
(Eduardo Farias, PhD., Trumpet)

*I know that my redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.
And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
I myself will see him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!*

Job 19:25-27

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious
unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

People: With Thanksgiving to God.

Postlude: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

By Paul Z. Strodach
(ensemble: Yatidi Lightfoot, organ; Daniella Cruz, viola;
Geoff Ruonavaara, viola; Eduardo Farias, trumpet)

Participating in the Service today

Officiant: The Rev. Curtis Dwyer, Lead Pastor

Officiant: The Rev. David Dressel, Associate Pastor

Lector: The Rev. James Robinson, Associate Pastor

Lector: Dian Silvey, Ministry Assistant

Organist: Yatidi Lightfoot, Music Director

Pianist: Mary Grace, Evening Service Accompanist

Trumpet: Eduardo Farias, PhD.

Adjunct Professor, Saginaw Valley State University

Instrumental Ensemble:

Daniella Cruz, Viola

Geoff Ruonavaara, Viola

Petra Telgkamp

Chris Behrens, Piano

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Daniel Friedrich Kortemeyer

Daniel Kortemeyer suddenly and unexpectedly passed away on October 18, 2020, at his home in East Lansing, Michigan, at the age of 21. He is lovingly remembered by his parents Anna (née Fritchie) and Gerd, and his sister Christine, as well as by many relatives and friends.

Daniel graduated from East Lansing High School in 2017 and from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor in Computer Science in 2020. Building on internships in Los Angeles, Munich, and Ann Arbor,

this August he started working for TechSmith in Okemos – a job he greatly enjoyed.

Daniel loved being in nature, hiking, boating, and camping. He liked listening to music and playing the cello in his high school orchestra. He also enjoyed building theatre sets in high school and college. Much of his time was spent in front of computer screens or with virtual reality headsets, programming for study and work, but also designing and creating computer games – he also really liked playing them (samples can be found on his website at <https://danielkortemeyer.com/>). He will be remembered as being earnest, conscientious, loyal, and humble, but also for his dry sense of humor and occasional bursts of goofiness. He always had a helping hand and a listening ear.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name are requested to be made to Haven House, East Lansing (<https://www.havenhouseel.org>) or Friendship House, MSU (<http://friendshiphousemsu.global>).