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SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

FOR

THE REV. DR. THOMAS L. ARE, SR.

December 5, 1932 – October 7, 2020

Saturday, October 17, 2020, 11am

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

*Great is Thy Faithfulness
Abide with Me*

Jerrell Melton, piano

WELCOME

Rev. David Lewicki

Welcome to all of Tom's family and friends. We are honored by your presence. If you are online, sign your name in the chat feature of the Zoom call and let us know that you are with us today.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: If you mourn, come, and God will hold you.

All: We will not be alone in our loss.

One: If you grieve, come, and God will unfold you.

**All: Our tears will mingle with God's. We will trust in our Keeper and not be afraid.
Our God knows and will not turn away.**

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM

Rev. Sarah Are, soloist

I Bind My Heart This Tide

I bind my heart this tide
to the Galilean's side,
to the wounds of Calvary,
to the Christ who died for me.

I bind my soul this day
to the neighbour far away,
to the stranger near at hand
in this town, and in this land.

I bind my heart and soul
to the God, the Lord of all,
to the God, the poor one's friend,
and the Christ whom he did send.

I bind myself to peace,
to make strife and envy cease.
My God, fasten sure the cord
of my service to the Lord!

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr.

READING

Psalm 82
Jeremiah 22:16

Grace Andrade

READING

Selected passages from the New Testament

Nathan Are

HOMILY

Rev. David Lewicki

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jody Andrade

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

ANTHEM

Synod of the South Youth Choir
Rev. Tom Are, Sr., soloist

Good News/O For a Thousand Tongues

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
Because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind
To bring freedom to the oppressed
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of God's grace!

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

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean;
Christ's blood availed for me

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

At the conclusion of worship, the ushers will lead you out of the sanctuary one family group at a time. You may greet one another safely when outside. Please make your way to Shallowford Presbyterian Church for the service of interment.

IN MEMORY:

Memorial gifts may be made in Tom's name to Evergreen Life Services (els.givecloud.co), a ministry which serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities including Tom's son, Gene Are, and Jewish Voice for Peace (jewishvoiceforpeace.org/giving/).

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Rev. David Lewicki, pastor, North Decatur Presbyterian Church
Jerrell Melton, piano
Jason Schoeneberg & Tim Merritt, Audio/Video coordination

Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Are, Sr., died October 7, 2020, under hospice care at home. Born December 5, 1932, in Charleston, SC, to Ward William Are and Lorraine McClary Are, Tom dedicated his life and ministry to racial and economic justice, including peace with justice for the Palestinian people. Tom pursued his love for sacred music at Westminster Choir College, earning a Bachelor of Science. He earned his Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary and his Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Seminary. Tom was active as a PC(USA) minister for 43 years. He preached the good news of God's unlimited, unqualified grace to five congregations, including Shallowford Presbyterian Church from 1971-1992. Tom's work as an Interim Pastor guided eight congregations in his final eleven years of ministry. Tom is survived by his spouse, Jean Are, his children, Thomas L. Are, Jr., (Carol), Gene Are, Martha Are, and Jim Are (Angel), his stepdaughters, Jody Reedy Andrade (Billy) and Betsy Sawyer (Ryan), niece Kathy Are Parker (Kenneth) and nephews, Ward William Are III (Robin) and David Are, and nine grandchildren. Tom was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Ward William Are, Jr.