

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE

Wilma N. Lucas

Born April 14, 1918 Born into Life Eternal January 10, 2010 Officiating: Rev. Kaye Patton

THE WORD OF GRACE

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and I am life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I hold the keys of hell and death. Because I live, you shall live also.

GREETING

Friends, we have gathered here to praise God and to witness to our faith as we celebrate the life of Wilma Lucas. We come together in grief, acknowledging our human loss. May God grant us grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, in death resurrection.

UNISON PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and who now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. Especially we praise you for Wilma, whom you have graciously received into your presence. To all of these, grant your peace. Let perpetual light shine upon them; and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our years, and bring us at last with them into the joy of your home, not made with hands but eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 40:28-31

Psalm 23 (in unison) The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the 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 thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

New Testament Lesson:

Revelation 21:1-7

Gospel Lesson:

John 14, Selected Verses

Message

Pastor Kaye Patton

UNISON PRAYER

God of us all, you love never ends. When all else fails, you still are God. We pray to you for one another in our need, and for all, anywhere, who mourn with us this day. To those who doubt, give light; to those who are weak, strength; to all who have sinned, mercy; to all who sorrow, your peace. Keep true in us the love with which we hold one another. In all our ways we trust you. And to you, with your Church on earth and in heaven, we offer honor and glory, now and forever. Amen

COMMENDATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Interment is at Elmridge Cemetery in Muncie, Indiana at a later date.