MEMORIAL

CENTRAL CHURCH SERVICE

Thursday, June 13, 2024 • 7 p.m. PT • pnwumc.org/ac2024







Memorial Service

* = Please rise in body or spirit.

Welcome to the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference and to this sacred ceremony of celebration and remembrance.

In this space we gather to remember our beloved ancestors of the church. We come to honor the strength they have born witness to, the faith they have shown, and the lives they have lived. These saints loved the church and taught us much about how to live as people of faith. They are pillars of our lives, and now surround us in a cloud of witnesses as we continue to live the legacy of their faith.

GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE¹

"Christ the Victorious" UMH 653 Patty Mitchell Upton & Joe Lee

GREETING*

Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth

We have gathered here to celebrate the lives of those who have served faithfully through the years and now share the triumph of Christ.

We affirm with praise and thanksgiving the goodness of our Lord.

Let us rejoice in God's presence with us, in death as in life, among those who mourn as with those who now see Christ face to face.

In the midst of our grief we sing with joy, for God's love is over all that has been made. Blessed be God's glorious name for ever.

OPENING PRAYER

Sara Culp

Tender and compassionate God, we seek to know you through the hearing of your Word and pray that we may go beyond hearing to obeying, as shown by the faithful lives of your departed servants whom we honor today.

We know that they are precious in your eyes, worthy of your special attention and ours, for they served well in the task that you gave them. Grant that we may feel your presence as did the followers who knew Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and may we experience the fire within that sent them out to share good news. **Amen.**

ANTHEM² "Sing You Home"

Ensemble

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION*3

Rev. Katie Ladd

Eternal Source of Life,

as we gather in remembrance, may the memory of our loved ones be a spring of living water, quenching the thirst of our souls with the enduring flow of their legacy. Illuminate our hearts with the gentle currents of comfort and peace, guiding us through the depths of sorrow to the shores of hope. In the waters of memory, may their spirits find eternal reflection, everpresent, ever-renewing. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 4:4-17

Rev. Katie Ladd

SERMON

Rev. Katie Ladd

SPECIAL MUSIC⁴ "The Other Side"

Joe Lee

ACT OF REMEMBERANCE (Naming of the Honored Dead)*

ACTIVE MEMBER

Michael Lee Seui

FULL MEMBERS – RETIRED

David Leroy Enrust
Juli (Julia) Cooper Reinholz
Gisela (Ehrentraut) Taber
Johann Christiaan Neethling
Hazel Anne Burnett
Paul Jennings Beeman
R. (Randall) King Rockhill
Bill (Wilfred) LeeRoy Johnson
Hiroyasu Iwabuchi
Ruth D. Mathis
C. (Cornelius) Harry Garrison

SPOUSES OF RETIRED FULL MEMBERS

Mary Elizabeth (Cooper) Braun

SURVIVING SPOUSES OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Sarah Jeanne (Mather) Lyon Judith Ann (Borseth) Hullin

BELOVED SERVANTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CONFERENCE WHO HAVE DIED SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Claris Fern (Sloan) O'Connor Richard Lee Holmes - CLM

CLOSED UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

Lapwai UMC - Lapwai, ID Nezperce UMC - Nezperce, ID Korean UMC of Seattle - Bellevue, WA

EPISCOPAL MEMORIALS

BISHOPS

Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar	July 18, 2023
Bishop Melvin George Talbert	August 3, 2023
Bishop Thomas B. Stockton	October 18, 2023
Bishop João Somane Machado	October 25, 2023
Bishop William Boyd Grove	October 27, 2023
Bishop Calvin D. McConnell	November 28, 2023
Bishop Solito K. Toquero	December 1, 2023
Bishop Timothy Wayne Whitaker	March 28, 2024
Bishop Carlton Printess Minnick	May 4, 2024
Bishop Joseph C. Humper	May 7, 2024

SURVIVING SPOUSE OF BISHOP

Velma Stutzman Duell McConnell January 24, 2024

PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS & FAITHFUL DEPARTED*5

O God of both the living and the departed.

We lift our voices in gratitude for the lives of your faithful servants, who have journeyed through the currents of time into the embrace of eternity. Like the ever-flowing rivers, their legacy nourishes the landscape of our souls, quenching our thirst for connection and understanding.

May we be as vessels, filled with the sacred waters of their wisdom and love, guided by the gentle currents of their example. Let their presence surround us like a gentle mist, enfolding us in the comforting embrace of your eternal grace.

In the depths of our remembrance, may we find solace and strength, knowing that in the waters of your boundless love, there is no separation between the living and the departed. Amen.

HYMN*⁶ "Shall We Gather at the River" UMH 723 **Patty Mitchell Upton & Joe Lee**

BENEDICTION

Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth

GOING FORTH*⁷ "Dona Nobis Pacem" UMH 376
Patty Mitchell Upton, Joe Lee, & Ensemble

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