BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 20, 2018

IN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF DAVID THOMAS ROUCH December 13, 1939 – September 24, 2018

Pastor Mark Douyard, *Officiate* *All who are able may stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalm 139

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/People)

Gracious is our God who hears our cries.

We come here today to cry out with confident hope that God is listening to us. Loving is our God who comes to us in our grief and in our sadness.

We come here today to feel God wrap us in a loving embrace, wipe away our tears and assure us that we are not alone.

Holy is our God who never lets death have the final word.

We come here today to bear witness to the resurrection – in Christ and in us.

Transformative is our God who can turn grief into hope and sadness into joy.

We come here today to release our grief, to allow ourselves to be transformed, and to find joy in the midst of heartache.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Bob Arthur

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord in your mercy, forgive us, heal us and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and forevermore, Amen.

(Moment of Silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Leader/People)

Friends, believe the Good News. Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone, a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and can be at peace.

*HYMN: #339 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) "Be Thou My Vision"

SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:1-6, 25-27 Harold Haugeto

MESSAGE

CELEBRATION OF LIFE Michael Rouch

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23 Sara McCartney

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* HYMN: (See back of bulletin) "On Eagle's Wings"

Based on Psalm 91

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "The Apostles' Creed" (Inside back cover of Celebration Hymnal)

READING: A Selection from Elizabeth Ammons

Steven Dickoff

SOLO: "Amazing Grace"

Kari-Astrid Haugeto

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

A CELEBRATION RECEPTION: The family invites all to join them in Taylor Hall for a luncheon. In leiu of flowers, friends are encouraged to donate to Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care, https://coastalhospice.org.



On Eagle's Wings

Verse 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in his shadow for life, Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock, in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

Verse 2

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield

Verse 3

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

Verse 4

For to his angels he's given a command

To guard you in all of your ways;

Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.



God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.

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