

A POEM ON DYING

Henry Scott Holland 1847-1918

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says: "There, she is gone!" "Gone where?" Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port. Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says "There, she is gone!" there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!" And that is dying.

Memorials may be made to the CSU Class of 1964 Scholarship, College of Veterinary Medicine, at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, 80523 or Mary Linn Crowell Scholarship, College of Veterinary Medicine, Univ of GA, Athens, GA 30602.

Witness to the Resurrection

Wayne Allen Crowell

November 25, 1940—December 21, 2021



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, shall live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Let us worship God.

***HYMN 664** Morning Has Broken BUNESSAN

OPENING PRAYER

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE—

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, John 12:24, 14:1-6, 25-27

A UNISON READING OF THE 23RD PSALM

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I 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 shall dwell in the
house of the LORD
my whole life long.*

PROCLAMATION

Rev. Danna Waters

***HYMN 451** Open My Eyes, That I May See OPEN MY EYES

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from a Brief Statement of Faith*
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

***HYMN 20** All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL OAK

***COMMENDATION**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

PIANIST: Pam Knox

There will be a reception in the fellowship hall following the service.