



The Presbyterian Church of Dover

A Celebration of the Life of Edward Anthony Gazze

March 16, 1944 – March 15, 2024



The Gathering

Prelude Music

Barb Bayers

Greeting

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Parsons II

Thanksgiving for Baptism

+ Opening Prayer (unison)

Mr. Gary Patterson

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Show us now your grace, that as we face the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are ended, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

+ Hymn #39

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Confession & Pardon

Let us now ask God to cleanse our hearts, to redeem our memories, and to renew our confidence in the goodness of God.

God of mercy, whose loving-kindness endures forever: we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love; to care for others as we care for ourselves; to forgive and accept forgiveness. We remember good intentions that were not put into action; harsh words that were hurtful; selfish purposes that caused pain; persistent pride that would not yield. We acknowledge our fear in the face of death and our failure to accept the help you offer us in Christ. Hear us, O Lord, as in this silence we make our confession to you. *(Silent Prayers)*

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

The Word

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Source of all true wisdom, calm the troubled waters of our hearts, and still all other voices but your own, that we may hear and obey what you tell us in your Word, through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

The Psalm Reading: Psalm 23

Mrs. Cynthia Gazze Falvo

The Epistle Reading: Romans 8:14-23, 31-39

Mrs. Carole Witherite Hayden

The Gospel Reading: John 11

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

Meditation

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Parsons II

The Response

+ Hymn #834

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Celebrations & Remembrances

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

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.

** Please use whichever words and language you prefer.*

The Sending

+ Hymn #625

“How Great Thou Art”

+ Blessing

Postlude

“Ave Maria”

Franz Biebl

*This recording was made by the University of Michigan Men’s Glee Club, the second oldest collegiate chorus in the US.
It was especially made to honor Ed by Jakob Gorisek-Gazze, Ed’s grandson, who is a member of the choir.*

+ Please stand as you are willing and able

*The service will continue at the graveside in the Old Presbyterian Church Cemetery
on Governors Avenue following a brief reception in the Social Hall provided by the Deacons.*

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