

**A Service of Worship and  
Thankful Remembrance**



**University Presbyterian Church  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina**

**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND THANKFUL REMEMBRANCE  
OF THE LIFE OF  
JAMES DICKSON PHILLIPS, JR.  
September 23, 1922-August 27, 2017**

Organ Prelude

Thomas Brown

*Seating of the Family*

Solo

*An die Musik*

Franz Schubert

Emily Wolber-Scheuring

Words of Grace and Welcome

The Rev. Elizabeth Michael

Opening sentences

Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another  
Before the mountains were brought forth  
or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.  
You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Go back, O child of earth.”

For none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he dies.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord’s possession.

\*Hymn 687

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*St. Anne*

## Prayers (spoken by minister)

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Dick. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for those who mourn: Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. All this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 16, v. 5 -11

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Meditation

The Rev. Lisa Frost-Phillips

Psalm 23 (unison)

The Rev. Margaret LaMotte Torrence

**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.**

Remembrances

Thomas W. Ross

Tom Earnhardt

\*Hymn 630 (vs. 1-3)

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

*Crusaders' Hymn*

Remembrances

J. Harvie Wilkinson III

Elizabeth Kuniholm

\*Hymn 338 (vs. 1-2)

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

*Materna*

A Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 5: 1-12

Remembrance

J. Dickson Phillips III

Solo

*Ulricht*

Gustav Mahler

*“I am from God and would return to God”*

\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from the *Confession of 1967*

**We believe that God has created the world of space and time  
to be the sphere of God’s dealings with humankind.**

**In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness,  
order and disorder,**

**the world reflects to the eye of faith  
the majesty and mystery of its Creator.**

**We believe that God has created us for personal relationship in  
which we may respond to the love of the Creator.**

**Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued  
with courage.**

\*Closing Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray: O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of the whole Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a religious and holy hope, in favor with you, our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

\*Commendation

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Dick. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

\*Hymn 326

“For All the Saints”

*Sine Nomine*

\*As you are able, please stand.

*The family will greet friends in the Fellowship Hall following the service.*

Speakers:

Thomas W. Ross: President, the Volcker Alliance; Terry Sanford Distinguished Fellow, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University; President Emeritus, the University of North Carolina system; former president, Davidson College

Tom Earnhardt: Lawyer; conservationist; producer and host of “Exploring North Carolina”

The Honorable J. Harvie Wilkinson III: Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Elizabeth Kuniholm: Lawyer, the Kuniholm Law Group; law clerk to Judge Phillips 1980–81

Soloist:

Emily Wolber Scheuring is a professional classical mezzo-soprano and a lecturer of music at UNC-Chapel Hill, where she teaches applied voice.

Flag:

The United States flag at the front of the church was in Judge Phillips’s judicial chambers and then retired with him to his home. Every Memorial Day, he set it up in his front yard in particular honor and memory of his fellow troopers in I Company, 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 17th Airborne Division, with whom he served during World War II. A handwritten note included a list of his fallen comrades and a designation of the military campaigns in which they participated.

*Celebrants*

Lisa Frost-Phillips, Priest in Charge  
St. Matthews Episcopal Church (Hillsborough, NC)

*University Presbyterian Church Staff*

Margaret LaMotte Torrence, Interim Pastor

Elizabeth Michael, Interim Associate Pastor

Thomas Brown, Minister of Music



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