

Memorial Service
for
Douglas S. Kerr

October 29, 1936 ❖ April 2, 2025



Saturday ❖ July 26, 2025
10:00 AM

Church of the Redeemer UMC
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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

Pastor: We are gathered here to remember the life of Douglas S. Kerr. We come to acknowledge our human loss, and to give thanks for the time Doug shared with us. May God grant us grace, that we may find comfort in the pain, we find hope in the sorrow, and in death we experience resurrection.

*READINGS Beatitudes – Matthew 5:1-10 Kari Queen

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.**

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

*HYMN OF COMFORT “*Bridge over Troubled Waters*” Insert

READING Micah 6:6-8 Elsa Kerr

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

**To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.**

MEMORIES Laura DuMond Kerr

HYMN “*Imagine*” Insert

***READING** 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 Graham Ball

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

MEMORIES Jirair Bedoyan

ANTHEM “*Ave Verum Corpus*” W.A. Mozart
Malcolm Kerr Memorial Peace Bell Choir

***READING** Justice Without Violence Stephen Hopewell

Excerpt from a talk by Martin Luther King Jr. at Brandeis University, April 3, 1957.

Justice without violence not only avoids external physical violence, but also internal violence of spirit. The nonviolent resistor realizes that love should forever be at the forefront of his thinking. And as we struggle for justice, as oppressed people all over the world struggle for justice and freedom and human dignity, it is my great hope that we will never succumb to the temptation of indulging in hate campaigns or becoming bitter, for if we hate for hate, if we try to solve the problem by hating in return, we do nothing but intensify the existence of hate in the universe, and somebody has to have some sense in this world and cut off the chain of hate. And that is done through loving.

MESSAGE Rev. Halldor Gudmundsson

PRAYER

O God, who gave us birth. Give to us your grace. When we shrink before the mystery of death, guide us to see the light of eternity. Help us to trust in your presence, even though you feel far away. God of peace, and love, embrace us when we feel lost. Amen.

Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Feel free to pray the Lord's Prayer in any tradition, translation, or language you prefer.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN** "We Shall Overcome" UMH 533

***BENEDICTION** Pastor

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make their face shine on you and be gracious to you; The Lord turn their face toward you and give you peace. **AMEN.**

***POSTLUDE** "On Eagles Wings" Insert / UMH 143

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- **Music Ministry** today by Shanelle Cook, Director of Music
- **Liturgist** today is Kari Queen
- **Tech Ministry** today is Cynthia Larsen
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