The service of Death and Resurrection is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

This service, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that the one we love has entered into a nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.
The Order of Worship

†Congregation standing as able

Note: The choir is wearing green ribbons today in honor/memory of those with liver cancer.

~ We Gather Together As God’s People ~

THE ORGAN MEDITATION .......................................................... Mr. Jason K. Evans, Organist

†THE HYMN OF PROCESSION NO. 375: “Shall We Gather at the River” ........ HANSON PLACE

†THE WORDS OF GRACE & GREETING (Spoken in Unison)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb. Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restored our life. Christ will come again in glory. As in baptism Gary put on Christ, so in Christ may Gary be clothed with glory. Here and now, dear friends, we are God’s children. What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see Christ as he is. Those who have this hope purify themselves as Christ is pure. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and I am life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died and behold I am alive forevermore, and I hold the keys of hell and death. Because I live, you shall live also.”

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

LEADER: Let us pray.

†THE INVOCATION

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant, Gary, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8................................. Jeanne Martie

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace. (New Living Translation)

†THE SUNG PSALM NO. 803: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”..................... PSLAM 23
THE NAMING & WITNESSING

Mrs. Debra Packard (Sister)
Mr. George Lurie (Friend)

THE MOURNER’S KADDISH ......................................................... Mr. George Lurie

(The English translation of the Mourners Kaddish)

Let the glory of God be extolled, let His great name be hallowed, in the world whose creation He willed. May His kingdom soon prevail, in our own day, our own lives, and the life of all Israel, and let us say: Amen.

Let His great name be blessed for ever and ever. Let the name of the Holy One, blessed is He, be glorified, exalted and honored, though He is beyond all the praises, songs and adorations that we can utter, and let us say: Amen.

For us and for all Israel, may the blessing of peace and the promise of life come true, and let us say: Amen.

May He who causes peace to reign in the high heavens, let peace descend on us, on all Israel, and all the world, and let us say: Amen.

May the Source of peace send peace to all who mourn, and comfort to all who are bereaved, and let us say: Amen.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “Refuge” ....................................................... Keith Christopher

The Sanctuary Choir

THE EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 15: 20-26, 35, 40-44...... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after He has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

But someone will ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’

There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

LEADER: This Is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY .............................................................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore
In the death of Jesus Christ God’s way in the world seemed finally defeated. But
death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God’s victory over
death. Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best
efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of
death. But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed, and yet the same
person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced the life God
wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that
life exceeds our imagination but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat
death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we
grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning
and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love
of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Spoken in Responsively)

ONE: For Gary, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am the resurrection
and I am the Life.” Lord, you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress; draw
near to us who mourn for Gary and dry the tears of those who weep.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the
joys of heaven.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit, give
him fellowship with all your saints.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table
in your heavenly kingdom.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother, let our faith be our
consolation, and eternal life our hope.

THE SILENT PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Spoken in 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, the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.
We Commend Our Brother to God

THE COMMENDATION (Spoken in Responsively)

ONE: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, Gary, with your saints

ALL: Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing but life everlasting.

ONE: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created us, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us to dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

ALL: Give rest, O Christ to your servant, Gary, with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Gary Martie. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, 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.

We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING RESPONSE: "God Be with You" ................................................. GOD BE WITH YOU

The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you, With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

THE HYMN OF SENDING: “When We All Get to Heaven” ......................................... HEAVEN

1. Sing the wondrous love of Jesus; sing his mercy and his grace. In the mansions bright and blessed he'll prepare for us a place.

   Refrain:
   When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

2. While we walk the pilgrim pathway, clouds will overspread the sky; but when traveling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh. (Refrain)

3. Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day; just one glimpse of him in glory will the toils of life repay. (Refrain)

4. Onward to the prize before us! Soon his beauty we'll behold; soon the pearly gates will open; we shall tread the streets of gold. (Refrain)
All are invited to greet the family at a reception in Gary’s memory in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

Burial will be in the church Memorial Bible Garden following the reception.

- Obituary -

Born January 23, 1949 in Lodi, Ohio. He passed away August 5, 2017, after a battle with cancer. Gary is survived by his wife, Jeanne L. (Geaslen) Martie, whom he married in 1973. They have two beloved children, Melissa B. Martie of Akron, Ohio and Anthony B. Martie (Whitney Marken) of Kent, Ohio, and one adorable granddaughter, Ellis. Gary is also survived by his parents, Kenneth and Peggy (Pasho) Martie of Wooster, OH, and his sisters, Debra (Jerry) Packard of Wooster, OH, and JoEllen (Thomas) Schaad of Lexington, OH. Gary is also survived by his sister-in-law, Jennifer Geaslen of Villa Hills, KY, nieces, nephew, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Gary grew up in Creston, Ohio. He went through the Norwayne school system and graduated in 1967. He graduated from the University of Akron in 1971 with a bachelor’s degree in secondary education (business). Over the years, he continued his schooling and earned a master’s in special education, and additional certification for elementary education. He started teaching in the Ravenna City School system in 1973, and retired from there in 2006. He also coached girls’ and boys’ basketball in the schools and the rec department and taught night school for a few years. Being the hard-working person he was, he also had a side business of painting/handyman services.

Gary served on the board of Habitat for Humanity of Portage County, where he was president for one term. He also was on the board for P.A.S.S. in Portage County. While in Ohio, he was a member of the Kent Presbyterian Church, where he was ordained as an elder.

Starting in 1970, his wife and her relatives vacationed in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Even though Gary and Jeanne traveled to other places early in their marriage, the Outer Banks later became the destination of choice. The retirement dream was to live in NC, which became reality in 2006. While there, Gary worked as a handyman and was a member of the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church. He did some volunteer work for Interfaith Community Outreach. Fishing and boating was his passion, although he fed the fish more than they fed the family! He also got into spinning classes at the Y, which he loved. This renewed his love of bicycling and often did 100 mile rides (done in one day). It was not unusual for him to do week-long bicycle rides in Florida, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and the Ohio-Erie Canal – sometimes 4 in one year.

Gary was taken away too soon and will dearly be missed. Condolences to the family may be expressed via the register www.gallopfuneralservices.com. Gallop Funeral Services, Inc. was entrusted with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations made by made to: Paws and Prayers Pet Rescue, PO Box 67166, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222; American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) Development, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102; Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36104.
Photo Memories of Gary Allen Martie

- Gary & Jeanne Martie

- Gary & his kids, Melissa & Anthony

- Gary & Granddaughter, Ellis

- Gary on the Tennessee bike ride
Peace
I leave with you;
your peace
I give unto you.