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 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."

However, this joy 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

We kindly ask everyone to wear masks and also to keep social distance as directed by the ushers.

~ We Gather Together as God's People ~

THE ORGAN PRELUDE................................................................. Jason Evans, organist

†THE HYMN OF PROCESSION “Lift High the Cross” ....................................................... CRUCIFER

Elaine Spencer, soloist

†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 for evermore, 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 .................................................. Susan Harman-Scott

Isaiah 40: 28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
THE HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 69: "He Leadeth Me” ........................................... HE LEADETH ME
Elaine Spencer, soloist

THE PSALM (Spoken in Unison) ................................................................. Susan Harman-Scott

Psalm 23

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 valley of the shadow of death, 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.

THE ORGAN REFLECTION: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” ............. arr. Evans / Phillips
Jason Evans, organist

THE GOSPEL LESSON ............................................................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

John 3: 16-21

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE NAMING & WITNESSING

Nonie Booth
Jeffrey McGee
Scott McGee
Pam Edwards
Susan Harman-Scott

THE HYMN: “Be Still My Soul” ................................................................ FINLANDIA
Elaine Spencer, soloist

THE HOMILY ...................................................................................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore
We Respond to the Word

THE PIANO MEDITATION: "Because He Lives" ................................................ Gaither

Jason Evans, pianist

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Spoken in Unison) ............................................ The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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.
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 McGee. 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.

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN: “It Is Well with My Soul” .............................................. VILLE DU HAVRE
Elaine Spencer, soloist

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

All are invited to greet the family in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

A burial for family and close friends will take place in the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church Memorial Bible Garden following the reception.
~ Service Participants ~

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore  
Pastor

Susan Harman-Scott  
Liturgist

Jason K. Evans  
Music Director/Organist

Elaine Spencer  
Soloist

Nonie Booth  
Church Funeral Coordinator  
Audio/Visual Ministries

Don Younkin  
Audio/Visual Ministries

Hollie Writtenberry  
Audio/Visual Ministries

Bev Jones  
Karen Lurie  
Ushers

~ Memorial Donations ~

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P.O. Box 2199  
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

~ Interment Information ~

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church Memorial Bible Garden  
907 South Croatan Highway  
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
After 73 years of a life well lived, Gary McGee passed on April 28, 2021. Gary was born in McGee’s Crossroads in Johnston County, to Bledsoe McGee and Maudie Lee Honeycutt McGee (both deceased). He grew up traveling to the sunny beaches and crashing waves of South Nags Head, and later built his dream home on the Outer Banks. A full-time resident of Corolla for the last 17 years, Gary was beloved by countless friends and family and was an active member of his Church, his Corolla Community, and the greater Outer Banks area.

More than anything, Gary loved his family, and his family will love him always. As husband and wife, Gary and Linda enjoyed fifty years of love, happiness, and memories together. They encouraged, complemented, and supported each other to pursue their opportunities and dreams. Gary always loved and supported his two sons in their endeavors and beamed with happiness and pride anytime he talked about them. He was a great role model, husband, Dad, Granddad, and man. Jeffrey, Jill, Gary, and Linda were fortunate to share weekly meals and experiences together that they will hold tightly in their hearts and memories. Scott and his family will forever cherish and remember crabbing adventures, ice cream afternoons, and relaxing naps with Bryce and Kolette’s beloved PopPop. Gary also shared great life experiences with his brothers, Ray (Beth) and Ken (Joy) and their many cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Gary believed in helping others and doing things the right way. After graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill and receiving a Master of Public Administration from NC State, Gary worked in local government for his entire career. The forever leader, Gary helped North Carolinians all across the State, from Pittsboro to Watauga County, to 20 years as City Manager of Hickory, and later on the Outer Banks in Kitty Hawk. Never fully retiring from public life, his most recent honor was being appointed by Gov. Roy Cooper as Chair of the Currituck County Board of Elections.

A remembrance and celebration of Gary’s life will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church in Kill Devil Hills. Due to COVID-19 protections, always carefully followed by Gary, the family has asked that anyone planning to attend the service register with the Church on the Church’s website at www.outerbankspresbyterian.org. The service will also be live-streamed under the “watch services” section on the Church website. Gary enjoyed flowers, but he liked seeing them grow even more, so in lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorial be made to the Church in Gary’s honor.

Twiford Funeral Homes, Outer Banks is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.TwifordFH.com.