

The Service of the Resurrection and
Celebration of the Life of

Nora Jane Mc Dermott

(March 12, 1937 to October 1, 2019)

A Foundress of the Elmira Chapel



7:00 PM

Friday October 11, 2019

National Coming Out Day, 2019

Ray Of Hope Church

380 W. 1st St.

Elmira, NY

Rev. Br. Shawn F. Benedict, Pastor, Officiating



The Lamb of God

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The Faithful Friend

- ¹⁴A faithful friend is a sure shelter,
 whoever finds one has found a rare treasure.
- ¹⁵A faithful friend is beyond price,
 there is no measuring their worth.
- ¹⁶A faithful friend is a life-saving medicine, the elixir of life,
 and those who respect and love God will find one.
- ¹⁷Those who love and respect God make true friends,
 and true friends create true friendships.



CALL TO WORSHIP

Bells 1st ring. Please find your seat and spend the next few minutes in silent prayer. Please refrain from conversations as these disturb those trying to pray.

Bells 2nd ring.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE THE LORD AND TO GIVE THANKS

+ Pastoral Welcome

Veronica Floyd, Ray Of Hope Moderator: We welcome you to Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the faith community in Central New York and live on the Internet where everyone is welcome. Tonight, we are gathered to give God thanks and praise for our sister in Christ, Nora Jane Mc Dermott. Jane would certainly want you to know that you are as welcome here as Christ Jesus himself. In Romans Chapter 15:7 the church is commanded:

ALL: “Welcome one another, then, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” (NABRE)

Veronica: This is a very sacred moment when we share with each other the Divine Presence of God, the divine friendship we have in God; and we show gratitude to each person who has made the effort to come together to worship. Take a moment now to welcome and introduce yourself to those around you for the glory of God.

Pastor: We begin in the Name of God, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

Pastor: The Lord’s Holy Presence and the Lord’s peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Lisa Frost, Ray Of Hope Council: Thank you all for coming here tonight as we give God thanks and praise for the time we have shared with Jane. As many of you know, Jane was one of five Foundresses of the Ray Of Hope Church chapel here in Elmira, all of whom were straight women whose heart for LGBTQIS people drove them to make this bold step and find a permanent location for Ray Of Hope Church. According to the records we have Jane was a formal Member for 22 of the 23 years the congregation has continued in ministry in Chemung County. She served on the Church Council for 12 years, being elected to her position. Worship was a priority for Jane, and she saw it as intrinsically linked to the GLBTQIS++

struggle for equal rights in all areas of our lives. Jane personally hosted the Elmira Extension of Ray Of Hope Church in her home that she and Peg Walker, her mother, also another of our Foundresses shared.

Pastor: It took Jane a few years to understand the mission of Ray Of Hope Church. Once she understood she became a strong voice proclaiming everyone must have access to all the church has to offer. Our celebration also includes our grieving. Truly we have lost a Saint, a leader, a mother, a friend, and a gentle warrior in our community. It is holy and good to grieve, and we extend our support to those who are hurting at this time. We are also here to celebrate with thanksgiving in our hearts. Offering all of our emotions in prayer, we begin now to worship God in spirit and in truth. (John 4:23, 24)

ALL: Together we give God thanks and praise.

First Song - All Are Welcome: words on screen

+ The Candle Of Hope

Michael Quinnell: Please be seated. At this time, we light our Resurrection Candle Of Hope as a witness to our looking forward to the return of Christ when He will raise the dead and instantly transform those who are waiting for Him and living at the time, giving to each one a new resurrection body for everlasting life. (Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; etc.)

ALL: Jesus said: “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” (John 11:25,26)

Crystal Nye: It is our custom to read panel entries from the Names Project Aids Memorial Quilt to help us remember those who died of AIDS, especially since many who were very sick and dying were rejected by the churches, were very much alone, and needed spiritual guidance. We remember them at this time and pray for their families.

(Names are read at this time.)

We also remember in our hearts the names of our friends and family members who have passed; especially Jane Mc Dermott. May the candle's flame remind us of the joy and happiness known in life, the comfort offered us by the Holy Spirit in our loss, and the “Blessed Hope” we have in the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:13)

ALL: Amen

Second Song- For All The Saints

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the world their steadfast faith confessed, you name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. You were their rock, their refuge, and their might: you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Sill may your people, faithful, true, and bold, live as the saints who nobly fought of old, and share with them a glorious crown of gold.

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong.

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Pastor: We continue to give thanks and praise to God for the gift of salvation and the gift of faith by praying the Gloria together:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
You are the One God, Sovereign of the universe,**

**Only Holy God, we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of God:
receive our prayer.**

For you alone are the Holy One,

**you alone are the Lord of all,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the
Holy Unity of God. Amen.**

+ Opening Prayer



THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF GOD

+ First Reading

Reader: Our first reading is the Book of Wisdom Chapter 3, verses 1-9. The

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

² In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,

³ and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

⁴ For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

⁵ Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of God's self;

⁶ like gold in the furnace God tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering God accepted them.

⁷ In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

⁸ They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever. (This is the Millennial
Kingdom in the future yet to be fulfilled. - Br. Benedict)

⁹ Those who trust in God will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with God in love,
because grace and mercy are upon God's holy ones,
and personally watches over God's saints.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

+ Responsorial Psalm 90 (91)

**ALL: He is Lord of the living and the dead and He will raise you up
to new life.**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
and abide in the shade of the Almighty

say to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust."

ALL: He is Lord of the living and the dead and He will raise you up to new life.

God will free you from the snare
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you.
God will conceal you with God's pinions,
and under God's wings you will find refuge.

ALL: He is Lord of the living and the dead and He will raise you up to new life.

You will not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

ALL: He is Lord of the living and the dead and He will raise you up to new life.

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you God has commanded the angels,
to keep you in all your ways.

ALL: He is Lord of the living and the dead and He will raise you up to new life.

They shall bear you up upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

ALL: He is Lord of the living and the dead and He will raise you up to new life.

You have set your love on me so I will save you,
protect you for you know my Name.
When you call I shall answer: "I am with you,"
I will save you in distress and give you glory.
With length of life I will content you;
I will let you see my saving power.

ALL: He is Lord of the living and the dead and He will raise you

up to new life.

+ Second Reading

Reader: Our second reading is in the Book of Romans Chapter 14, verses 7-12

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister?^[c] Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?^[c] For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.^[e] ¹¹ For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Pastor: Please rise as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation
Gospel Acclamation

We Love Your Word!

To my friends in Christ at Ray Of Hope Church "Music for Worship" Music by: Gaude! Liturgical Arts
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We love Your Word, O Lord for it set us free. We know the

6 truth, O Lord; We are Yours e - ter - nal - ly. So we stand to hear Your

11 Word. We praise You for Your Word. Al - le - lu - ia! for Your Word. It heals our

16 hearts, souls and minds. For Your Word, Al - le - lu - ia! Thank You Je - sus!

Pastor: The Risen Lord Jesus is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: A reading of the Holy Gospel according to the Book of John, Chapter Eleven, verses nine to seventeen.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

ALL: May the Word of God be in our minds (*) that we would understand it, on our lips (***) that we will speak it, and in our hearts (***) that we will love it.**

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus^[d] had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles^[e] away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.^[f] Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,^[g] the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Jesus Weeps

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the

cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would **see the glory of God?**" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." **Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord!

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Acclamation

Forever, We Are Yours!

To my friends in Christ
at Ray Of Hope Church
for the 1996 New Year,
The Year of The Holy Spirit!

"Music For Worship" Music by: Gaude! Liturgical Arts
December 31, 1995

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to the One God! Glo-ry to our Sa - vior Je - sus the Christ! And, to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, for - ev - er You're Our God! You brought us out of dark - ness, in - to Your mar - ve - lous Light! Your Word is our joy! For this we give You glo - ry, both now and ev - er more! For - ev - er we are Yours! For - ev - er we are Yours!"

+ Sermon - Today is National Coming Out Day There is connection between Jesus' powerful words "Lazarus, come out!" that brought resurrection to Lazarus and our own coming out of the darkness of the lies of some denominations and into the light of the glorious freedom of Christ. Jane was very straight but she came to un-

derstand the mandate of God to “come out” and be **out for the glory of God**. She marched in Pride parades even when the administration at the Elmira Correctional Facility told her she was potentially putting herself in harm’s way and they really wished she would not do the Syracuse, Ithaca, and Elmira Pride events. Jane “**came out**” to be with us. Jane stood tall to have her name forever associated with the founding of the Elmira chapel of Ray Of Hope Church. This was also true of Jane’s mother, Peg Walker. Just one story: “Come kiss Grandma, she loves you.” Peg jammed the entire parade. See our web site for the full story. This mother and daughter **came out** together to stand tall with the LGBTQIS community, though they were both very straight women who loved good looking men. They didn’t just send us thoughts and prayers, they lived in the trenches of this movement of the Holy Spirit right here in the City they grew up in.

One more note: Psalm 116:14 reads, My vows to the Lord I will fulfill before the assembly of the people. Jane became a Member of this church and wanted to live here until her last breath. Jane kept up her financial gifts to her faith community and was a primary financial supporter of Ray Of Hope. She never wavered, going to this church and that, etc. She made her commitment to the Lord and to her church home and she remained faithful in financial support, in service (council, donuts, etc.), participation in worship, and in prayer. She died doing the Lord’s work in the line of duty. I only can hope to be that faithful myself. She sets the example for all of us. Be faithful.

Last Tuesday, October 1, 2019 was a normal day. I had thought Jane passed away the previous Thursday Sept. 27 in the morning when I came in to see her at 7:00AM. She Received Holy Eucharist on Sunday September 29, and Michael ministered with her, basing his prayers on Psalm 90 “On Eagle’s Wings” not knowing that on Tuesday night I would choose the same Psalm to end Bible study class with and that while I would be reading it aloud, Jane was actually leaving her body and going forward to Paradise.

Wisdom 3:1-9 The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. ****GO BACK****

Wisdom 1:13, 14 13God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living.
14For God fashioned all things that they might have being; and the creatures of the world are wholesome,

John 11:35 Jesus wept.

John 11:40 b You will see the glory of God! - Resurrection

Psalm 116:14, 15 My vows to the Lord I will fulfill before all the people. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of God’s faithful.

1John 5:9-13 ⁹this is the witness of God which He has testified of

His Son. And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. (NKJV)

John 5:24 Jesus said: The one who hears my word and believes in God who sent me, has eternal life, will never come under judgment and has passed from death to life already.

1 Corinthians 15:26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ Intercessory Prayers

Michael: For peace in the world we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cheryl: For liberty and justice for all we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Michael: For all who mourn that our mourning will be turned into holy joy we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cheryl: In thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Nora Jane Mc Dermott and for all the good she brought into this world, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Michael: In silent prayer please add your own intentions at this time.

Veronica: Lord Jesus, we lift to you our spoken and unspoken prayers and we ask you to intercede for us as our High Priest at the right hand of God.

ALL: Amen.

Veronica: The offering plate is now available if you would care to make an offering to help support this ministry. (**Veronica offers a prayer as the offering is being received.**) Please rise as you are able as we conclude the Service of the Word with the Doxology.

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise God the Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Cheryl: The Service of the Word of God is complete. Let us joyfully set the Table of Christ Jesus as we begin the Service of the Holy Eucharist, the Sacred Meal of Christ.

Song: Lord I lift Your Name On High: on the screen.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRED MEAL OF CHRIST

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. It is through your goodness that we have this bread, which the Earth has given us and human hands have lovingly made. Through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit this bread will become for us the Bread From Heaven (Exodus 16:2, Psalm 78:24, John 6:32, 41,50,58), the Bread of the Angels (Psalm 78:25), the Bread of God (John 6:33), the Living Bread (John 66:51), the Bread Of Life (John 6:35, 48), the bread of the New Covenant, the Sacrament of the Eucharistic, the very Body Of Christ (John 6:52-56).

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. It is through your goodness that we have this fruit of the vine, which the Earth has given us and human hands have lovingly made. Through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit this fruit of the vine will become for us the Cup of Our Salvation, the Cup of Everlasting Life, the Cup of the New and Everlasting Covenant, the very Blood Of Christ.

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

Pastor: The risen Lord is with you!

ALL: And also with you!

Pastor: Together, we lift up our hearts!

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Together, we give thanks to the Lord, our God!

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right that we would give you thanks and praise always and everywhere. Tonight we thank you for sustaining Nora Jane Mc Dermott in life and in death by the power of your holy presence. Now Jane rejoices with all the angels and the saints and especially with the founders, the foundresses, the members of this very congregation she helped to establish here at 380 W. 1st St. in Elmira, and with her family and friends. May our voices blend with theirs as we join in their unending songs of declaring your holiness, that you alone are holy, holy, and holy.

Holy, Holy, Lord!

To my friends in Christ
at Ray Of Hope Church

"Music for Worship"

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and a triplet of eighth notes on the fifth staff.

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+ We Invoke the Blessing Of The Holy Spirit

ALL: O God, in the Name of Jesus, we, your faithful people, ask your Only One and Holy Spirit to bless and separate this bread and fruit of the vine for Christ's purpose. Through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit, give to us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in precisely the exact same manner that He gave them, and commissioned us to do often in His Holy Name. You alone, O Loving, True God, authenticate for us that this is the Messiah, Christ, New Covenant Meal that Jesus instituted for our Spiritual well-being. We ask this in the Name of Jesus. Amen

+ The Words Of The Institution Of The Holy Eucharist

Pastor: I invite you to pray to God with me as we recall our Lord and Saviour's words of institution when he gave us the Blessed Sacrament.

ALL: Before He was given up to death, a death He freely accepted, He took the bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it: This is my body which will be given up for you. Do this in memory of me.

Pastor: And for the cup:

ALL: When the supper was ended, He took the cup. Again He gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to His disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Pastor: Together we now proclaim in song the Mystery of Faith:

ALL: Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us and is risen from the dead. He is our saving Lord. He is joy for all ages.

+ Prayers of Dedication and/or Intercession for other Ministries.

Pastor (or other person designated): While we are gathered here together, we ask your blessing on all religious leaders. Enlighten Pope Francis, all bishops, district and conference leaders, the rabbis, the Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, every community of seekers, and those with no faith or formal Religion.

We also pray for all people who have been hurt or cast aside by the misuse of religion. May all people everywhere come to the knowledge that they too are the living light of God. We eagerly await your promised renewal of all creation when you shall be all in all. (1 Corinthians 15:28)

+ Final Doxology

Pastor: Together we pray:

ALL: It is through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, that all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, forever and ever.

Doxology/Amen!

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All hon - or and glo - ry be un - to ____ You. Al - migh - ty

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God ____ world with - out end. ____ A ____ men! Al - le - lu - ia

11
A ____ men! Al - le - lu - ia! All hon - or and glo - ry to you! A - men! ____

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The Reception of Holy Communion

- + The Lord's Prayer
- + Sign Of Peace
- + Priestly Prayer For All People

Pastor: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Behold Jesus truly present in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. Behold Him who promised whoever eats of this Bread and drinks of this Cup will have everlasting life and will be raised up on the last day. This is the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. Happy are those who partake of this Table of the Lord.

ALL: Lord, you make me worthy to receive you, and by your Word I am healed.

Veronica: Communion is now served. Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at Ray Of Hope Church. It is not required that you be a member of this church or any other church to receive Holy Communion. This is the Table of Jesus Christ, He invites you to come and receive Him in this Eucharistic banquet.

When you come forward, the person serving you will say; "The Body and the Blood of Jesus Christ for you." Respond with "Amen" or "Alleluia" or some other acclamation of appreciation or faith. Then take a piece of the bread and dip it into the cup and serve yourself. If

you are here with family or friends, you may come to Holy Communion together and serve each other. Please wait after you receive Holy Communion because the person serving you will pray with you before you return to your seat.

Serving Holy Communion this evening will be Servants Of The Eucharist Lisa Frost and Cheryl Allen.

We sing during Holy Communion and maintain our worship. Let us begin. The Table of Christ is served.

Be Not Afraid

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
But you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety,
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands,
And all will understand,
You shall see the face of God and live.

REFRAIN:

***Be not afraid,
I go before you always,
Come follow Me,
And I will give you rest.***

2. If you pass through raging waters
In the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amidst the burning flames,
You shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you, through it all
(Refrain)
3. Blessed are your poor,
For the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
For one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked ones insult and hate you, all because of Me,
Blessed, blessed are you!
(Refrain)

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The second song this evening is On Eagle's Wings and you will find this on the screen.

1) You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust."

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2) The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

3) You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

4) For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, let you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Closing Hymn: Walking Up The King's Highway words and music by Thomas A. Dorsey

REFRAIN:

It's the highway to heaven. None can walk up there but the pure in heart, It's the highway to heaven I am walking up the King's Highway.

1. My way gets brighter my load gets lighter walking up the King's Highway. There's joy in knowing with Him I'm going Walking up the King's Highway.
(Refrain)
2. Don't have to worry don't have to hurry walking up the King's Highway. Christ walks beside me. Angels to guide me Walking up the King's Highway.
(Refrain)
3. If you're not walking start while I'm talking walking up the King's Highway. There'll be a blessing you'll be possessing Walking up the King's Highway.
(Refrain)

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Ray Of Hope Church Statement Of Purpose



In the Spirit of God, and in the footsteps of Christ Jesus, we the Faith Community at Ray Of Hope Church commit to:

- **guide** and welcome all people to the Free Gift of Salvation in Christ Jesus, with a God-ordained celebration of all sexual orientations, and gender expressions, with an open ministry to persons affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS, their families and friends,
- **declare** and openly assert the truth that same-sex relationships, founded and fostered in God-centered love, are holy and blessed, and in fact originate by the work of the Holy Spirit; and, that God equally uses blessed same-sex and heterosexual Holy Unions and Marriages to bring God's own love and good news of "Salvation to all who believe" into the world,
- **uphold**, proclaim, and teach the historic Biblical Christian Doctrine, build community through worship and prayer, break the bread, and live the ministry of the Holy Spirit,
- **change** the world around us by living Gospel principles of social justice in everything we do, thereby exposing all forms of prejudice, oppression, racism, homophobia, sexism, and misogyny,
- **proclaim** the ray of hope, which is the soon coming return of Christ Jesus, and the fullness of His Eternal Community where the Will of God will establish liberty, justice, equity, and peace for all God's People and the universe.

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—Scripture verses to share with others:—

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Titus 2:11 The **grace** of God has appeared, bringing salvation to **all**.

John 5:24 Those who hear my word and **believe in God** who sent me, **have** eternal life, will **never** come under judgment and have passed from **death to life** already.

Romans 10:13 "For **whoever** calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
(repeated @ Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21) "everyone, anyone who" asks.

"Lord" here refers to God principally as in the book of Joel that is being quoted, so all persons who call on God shall be saved.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"
(Isaiah 43:19 ESV)

"Behold, I make all things new." (Revelation 21:5)