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“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” - John 11:25,26

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+ CALL TO WORSHIP (*John 14:1-3*)

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.

OPENING PRAYER

+ HYMN *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* 649

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NRSV

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:31-39 NRSV

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor 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.

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DEVOTIONAL WORDS

Who Can Separate Us?

Pastor Michael Slayter

+ HYMN

Just As I Am Without One Plea

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MEMORIES AND REFLECTIONS

Ronald Riling

+ WORDS OF COMFORT (*Spoken together*) Psalm 23 KJV

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

CLOSING COMMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

COMMENDATION AND COMMITTAL

+ BENEDICTION

+ *Please stand, in body or in spirit.*



George Riling passed away at his home on March 6, 2023. He was 82 years old. His family is deeply saddened by his death and he will be truly missed.

George is survived by his brother Ron and his wife Donna, Ron's son Michael and his wife Kate and their two sons, Gabriel and Noah, Ron's daughter Michelle and her husband Brian and their two daughters, Kendall and Kameron, and Donna's son Joe and his wife Laura and their son Theo.

George was born in Pittsburgh on April 5, 1941. He attended Turtle Creek High School where he graduated with honors. He then attended Lehigh University and graduated with an Engineering and Physics Bachelor's degree. Later he went to the University of Pittsburgh and graduated with a Master's in Business Administration. He held the rank of 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

He retired from the Department of Energy after 30 years of employment. He also held jobs at Voice of America, Gilbert Associates, Boeing and Westinghouse Electric.

George was a fun spirited soul who had many passions. The top on the list was his love for photography and nature closely followed by his love for computers. He travelled the world taking pictures of whales, bears and landscapes. He had incredible artistic talent. He found comfort and peace in capturing raw nature and using it to express himself.

George was a beautiful person inside. He cared so deeply for people around him and did his best to make the world a better place. He loved his church family and will be forever missed. Until we meet again.

Officiating Minister: Pastor Michael Slayter
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