

✠ A CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL SERVICE ✠

ROBERT JOHN STEWART

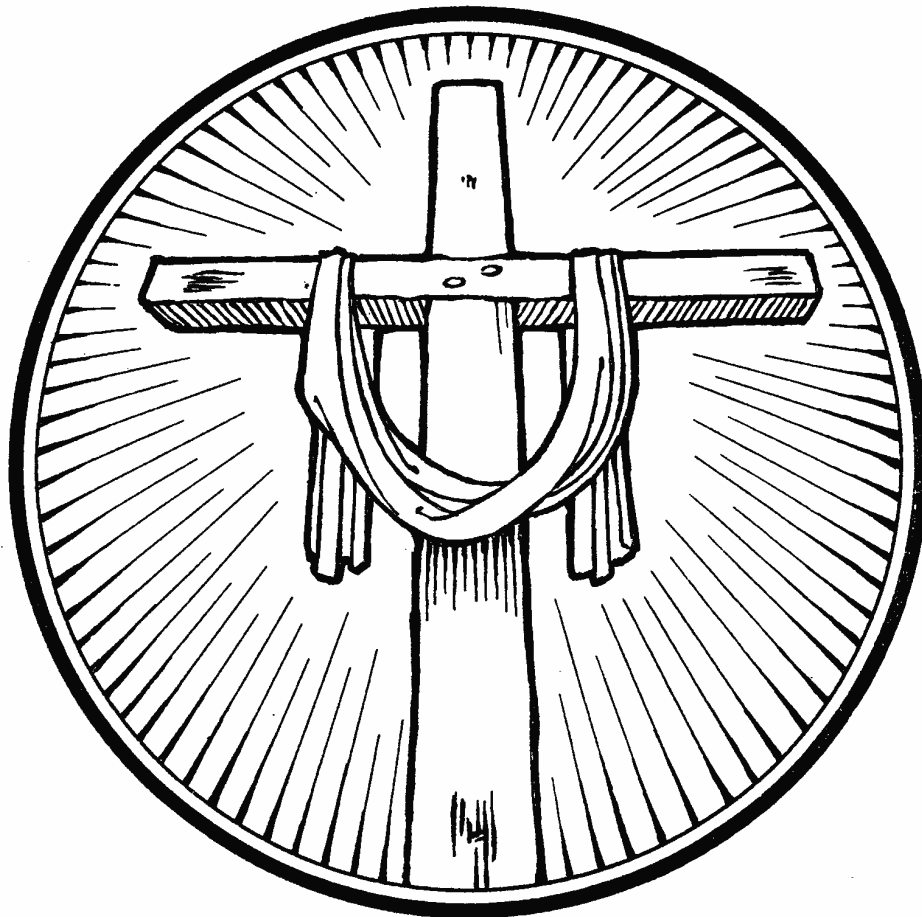
March 22, 1946 – June 24, 2020

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
Huntington Beach, California**

July 7, 2020

11:00 AM

**Rev. Jim Toma
Matt Laub, Organist**



✠ HYMN ✠
"Beautiful Savior"



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

✠ INVOCATION ✠

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

✠ REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM ✠

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, Robert was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. Saint Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

Cong.: **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**

✠ PSALM 23 ✠

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**Cong.: He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**

Pastor: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Cong.: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Cong.: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

✠ KYRIE ✠

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Cong.: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**



✠ SALUTATION & COLLECT ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray: O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Robert and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS ✠

Old Testament Reading: Job 19:23-27

“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Romans 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

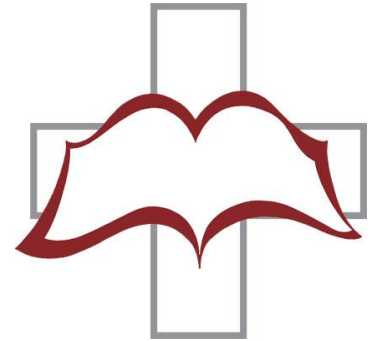
Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

Cong.: to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

Cong.: Glory to You, O Lord.



Holy Gospel: John 6:35-40

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED ✝

Pastor: *God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.*

**Cong.: 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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**



✠ HYMN ✠

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

✠ SERMON ✠

“Carrying the Cross”

(Pastor Jim Toma)

✠ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ✠

Pastor: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to the family of Robert and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Receive our thanks for Robert and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

✠ LORD'S PRAYER ✠

Pastor: *Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:*

**Cong.: 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

✠ NUNC DIMITTIS ✠

Pastor: "I am the resurrection and the life", says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

**Cong.: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: "I am the resurrection and the life", says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

✠ CONCLUDING COLLECT ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray:

Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

✠ BENEDICAMUS ✠

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

✠ BENEDICTION ✠

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.


Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

Cong.: in the name of the Lord. Amen.

✠ HYMN ✠
 “Lift High the Cross”


Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell
 6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Refrain

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.
 Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

CREAN LUTHERAN CHAMBER CHOIR
 “Baba Yetu”

THE GOOD SHEPHERD “I am the good shepherd.” (John 10:14) These are comforting words, which set before our eyes a gracious picture of our Lord Jesus Christ, and teach us what sort of a person he is, what sort of work he does, and how he is disposed towards men. And if you ask me weather Christ is saintly, I answer without hesitation ‘Yes”, and I place him like a shield before my own saintliness, and I trust in him with my whole heart. For I was baptized into him and have received in the Gospel a letter and seal, that I am his dear lamb, and that he is my Good Shepherd, who seeks his lost lamb and deals with me in no legalistic way. He demands nothing of me, neither does he drive me on; he does not threaten, neither does he frighten me, but he shows me his sweet grace, and lowers himself to me, even beneath me, and takes me upon himself, so that I now lie in his back and am carried by him. Why then should I be afraid at the quaking and thundering of Moses ot even of the devil? I am under the protection of the man who has given me his saintliness and all that he has, who supports me and upholds me that I cannot be lost – so long as I remain and do not doubt him or willfully fall away from him.

-Martin Luther (1532)

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March 22, 1946 – June 24, 2020



Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through His servant Robert.

Robert John Stewart, son of Robert and Louise, was born in Ogden, Utah on March 22, 1946. He was baptized and confirmed in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit here at Redeemer Lutheran on June 27, 1993.

His wife Ana knew Robert was the one for her at age twelve, and she was right. They were joined together in matrimony on May 26, 1966 (54 years together). It is hard to say who took better care of whom. Together they have three children, six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Robert used to say he'd like his grandkids to remember him as the grandpa who could tear it up on a Razor, not as an old man sitting in a chair. He would want us all to rest easy and to know he really is in heaven with his Maker. He was a man of faith, who prayed for his family every day to be well, to be happy, and to know Christ. Though he was quiet about his faith, it was at the heart of everything he did.

Robert's talent for creating beautiful landscapes is seen in custom yards across Orange County, CA. He was a designer and artist, who was very much at home strolling through nurseries and quietly humming while picking out shrubs and succulents.

After a long and complicated battle with an undiagnosed neurological disease, Robert John Stewart, on June 24, 2020, at the age of 74 years, fell asleep in Jesus, at his home with his family by his side. Over the past three years, his family learned a few things about him that we couldn't have known until faced with the unimaginable. Most significantly, we learned pain and suffering were no match for his sense of humor. Like his younger brother Mike, humor was his superpower, one that saved us all right up until the end.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents Louise and Robert and brother Mike. He is survived by his sister Karen, his wife Ana, his son Jason (Kim), his two daughters Lisa (Mike) and Jessica (Jarret), his six grandchildren Josh, Ashely, Alex, Nathan, Jason, Ella and his three great grandchildren Oliver, Oliver (yes, there are two) and Sophia.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord. We give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for our brother Robert.