



\*OPENING HYMN, Precious Lord, Take My Hand (GTG #834)

# **\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. Forgive us when we forget that all life comes from you and to you all life returns. Forgive us when we fail to see your face in the faces of your children, whom we encounter every day. Help us live as your grateful children, seeking to love as Christ loves us, and to rely on your grace to sustain us. Restore to us the joy found only in you. Amen.

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news! Christ creates us anew! The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Know that God loves you and forgives you. Amen!

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Schipper

# **READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE**

#### Micah 7:18-20

Mary Schipper

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of your possession?

He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in showing clemency.

He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness . . .

# Matthew 18:12-14

#### Judi Ruprecht

What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

### WORDS OF HOPE

Rev. Katie Palmer

#### **VIDEO TRIBUTE**

Song for a Friend by Jason Mraz/Daniel Wilson/Dennis Morris/Eric Hinojosa Jordan Jones, Soloist

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Be Still My Soul* (GTG #819)

# AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

## In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# **CLOSING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

# **COMMENDATION**

\*CLOSING HYMN How Great Thou Art (GTG #625)

\*BLESSING

Rev. Katie Palmer

POSTLUDE



Our precious, beloved son Brahm Nardone died

unexpectedly just one month before his twenty-second birthday, on the morning of Monday, July 12, 2021.

Our grief and our loss are indescribable, but we want to affirm the warm, empathetic, and whimsical person that Brahm was and continues to be—in the memories that we share with him and in our hearts. Those who knew him remember his humor and mischievous grin, his intelligence and insistence on challenging every preconception, and his welcoming inclusivity and defense of those who could not stand for themselves. Brahm loved climbing trees, flying downhill on skateboards of every kind, river kayaking and rafting, playing guitar, and drawing. His empathy made him caring and generous, sometimes too much for this world.

Brahm was born in Santa Fe, New Mexico, but moved when he was 1-1/2 to Costa Rica with his parents Maria Weinrich and Eric Nardone. He left home at sixteen, returning to the US in 2018, and lived in Las Vegas, Nevada, until his death.

In addition to his parents, stepmother Argerie and stepfather Berny, Brahm is survived by his sister Bella and brother Dereck, stepsisters Paola, Daniela, Maripaz, Abril and Sara, and stepbrothers Alessandro, Esteban, Diego, Kaled and Luka, as well as grandparents, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins, in the US, Costa Rica, and Austria.

The entire family is grateful for the outpouring of support we have received from Brahm's many friends and all the wonderful people who adopted him as their brother, son or nephew. We thank you for your love, and all the support that you gave him, and are now giving us.

Donations to help Maria with the costs involved can be made at the GoFundMe site "Mourn Brahm's Passing" https://gofund.me/a49917c0

We suggest that any other contributions in memory of Brahm be made to Samaritan House or to a charity of your choice. Worship Service Celebrating the Life of Brahm Nardone Weinrich August 12, 1999 to July 12, 2021



First United Presbyterian Church of Las Vegas, New Mexico August 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Rev. Katie Palmer, Pastor

Em Krall, Pianist Jordan Jones, Soloist Hospitality Team: Judy Long, Charlotte Wootton AV Crew: D.R. Palmer, Tom Trigg