

SMGH MEMORIAL SERVICE
JULY 5, 2020 – 2:00 P.M.

At Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital
our vision is *exceptional care by exceptional people*.
Exceptional care includes spiritual care.
Our mission is to *provide the healthcare*
we would expect for our families.
We care for our family's spiritual wellbeing,
and offer this memorial service as spiritual care for your family.

GATHERING MUSIC Andy Cloutier
Strathroy United Church

WELCOME Steph Ouellet
Vice President of Strategic Partnerships
Rev'd Sherry De Jonge
St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

LIGHTING OF MEMORIAL CANDLE

GATHERING PRAYER
God of light and hope, as we light this memorial candle, may your light surround us. As we gather online to remember our loved ones who have died, may the love of God enfold us. We gather into this sacred time and spaces to remember our losses, to grieve, to find comfort, and to walk on the path toward healing. We pray that your presence will touch our hearts and minds, where the pain of loss has affected us deeply. Amen.

MUSIC Andy Cloutier
La Catedral, Agustin Barrios Mangore

SCRIPTURE *1 Corinthians 15:20ff*

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.... ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ...

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ...

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ...⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ...⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?" ...

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION Rev'd Sherry De Jonge

CAREGIVER PERSPECTIVE Meagan Alexander
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MUSIC Andy Cloutier

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