

In Celebration and Gratitude to God
for the life of

Bill Dockery

February 28, 1949 – April 6, 2024



A Service of Death and Resurrection

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Four O'Clock in the Afternoon

Central United Methodist Church
Knoxville, Tennessee

Entrance

Prelude *Precious Lord* arr. Mark Hayes
Mr. Brandon Coffey

Song *Draw the Circle Wide* Central Church Choir

Word of Grace Rev. Stephanie Parrott

† Invocation

Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of saints who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. We especially praise you for Bill, whom you have welcomed into your loving arms.

**So fill our hearts with trust in you
that, by night and by day, at all times and in all seasons,
we may without fear commit those who are dear to us
to your never-failing love, for this life and the life to come. Amen.**

Greeting The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.** Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

Old Testament Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-9; Micah 6:8 Rev. Parrott

Eulogy Rev. Chris Buice, Senior Minister
Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church

Special Readings Parish Tansil, Nick Dalby, Christy Hoyer

Anthem *Shall We Gather at the River* Central Church Choir

Eulogy Mr. Sam Venable

Epistle Lesson Galatians 3:26-28

Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:34-40

Proclamation and Response

Sermon Rev. Sherrod

Song *Stand By Me* Rev. Dan Taylor

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 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. Amen.

Words of Commendation

O God, all that you have given us is yours.

As first you gave Bill to us, now we give him back to you.

Receive him into your arms of mercy.

Raise him up with all your people.

Receive us also, and raise us into a new life.

Help us to love and serve you in this world

so that we may enter into your joy in the world to come. Amen.

† Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

† Sung Benediction

Hallelujah

Haley Dockery and the Hickory Bend UMC Alumni Singers

Postlude

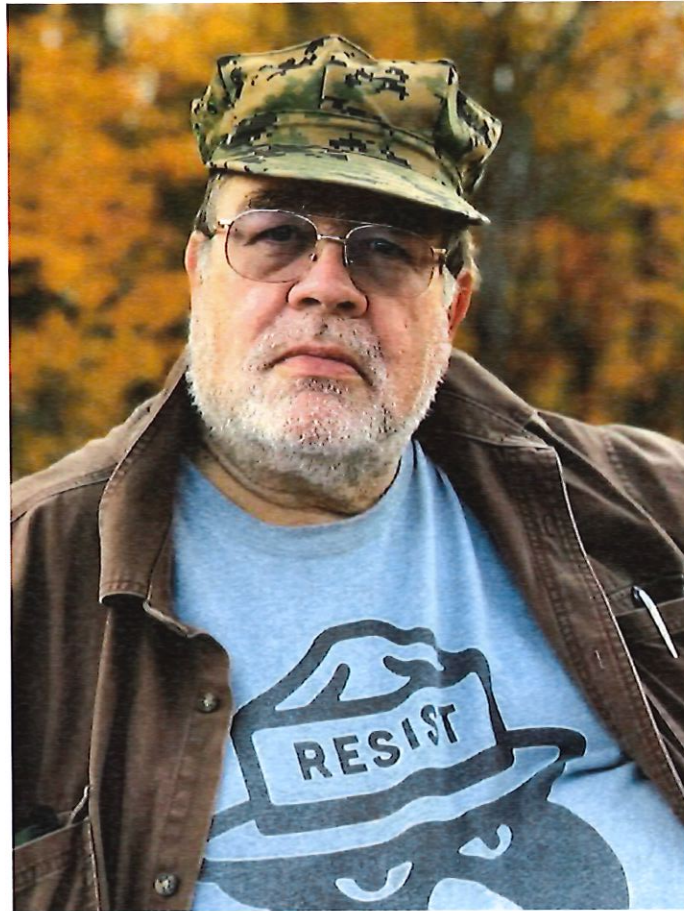
Old Time Religion with Swing Low

arr. Mark Hayes

Mr. Brandon Coffey

† *(Please stand in body or spirit)*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with you now and forever more.*



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