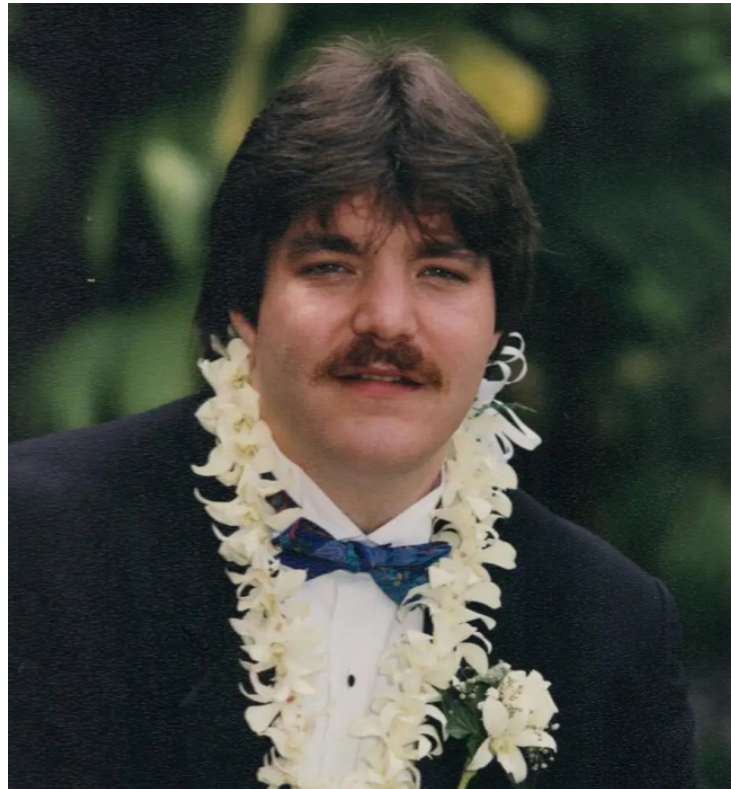


Service of Thanksgiving

for

Richard F. DiGirolamo

September 1, 1964 ~ June 28, 2024



**United Church of Christ
of Robesonia, Pennsylvania**

Friday, July 5, 2024

Visitation - 10:00am

Funeral - 11:00am

PRELUDE

{Those who are able, please rise for the singing of the hymn}

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

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*INVOCATION AND WELCOME

Leader: In the name of God the Father,
and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*SENTENCES

Leader: Hear the promises of God....

*GREETING

Leader: Friends, we gather here in the protective shelter of God's healing love....

{Please be seated}

PRAYER

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray....

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm: *Psalm 23*

Leader: Let us join together in the reading of the 23rd Psalm....

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

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

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, 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.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Old Testament Lesson: [Isaiah 42:5-12](#)

New Testament Lesson: [Colossians 3:12-17](#)

Gospel Lesson: [Matthew 11:25-30](#)

SERMON

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

{Those who are able, please rise}

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us affirm our faith, with the words of Paul from his letter to the Romans.

**ALL: We believe that there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus,
and we know that in everything God works for good
with those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are sure that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
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. Amen.**

{Please be seated}

HYMN

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Let us pray.....

Merciful God, we thank you for your word....

Leader: Let us join together in the prayers of intercession....

**ALL: O God, whose days are without end
and whose mercies cannot be counted,
awaken us to the shortness and uncertainty of human life.
By your Holy Spirit,
lead us in faithfulness all our days.
When we have served you in our generation,
may we be gathered with those who have gone before,
having the testimony of a good conscience,
in the communion of your holy church,
in the confidence of a certain faith,
in the comfort of a saving hope,
in favor with you, our God,
and at perfect peace with the world;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
in whose name we pray**

LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

**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.**

{Those who are able, please rise}

*COMMENDATION

*SONG OF SIMEON

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

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POSTLUDE

*{Symbols used in this bulletin: *= if able please stand; ♫ = Blue Hymnal Page}*

Following the Funeral Service,
all are invited to a luncheon at
Ozgood's Neighborhood Grill
319 East Penn Ave
Robesonia, PA 19551

In Loving Memory of
Richard F. DiGirolamo
September 1, 1964 -- June 28, 2024

Our brother in faith, Richard F. DiGirolamo, 59, formerly of Womelsdorf, passed away in the afternoon hours Friday, June 28, 2024, in Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia.

He was the husband of Debra A. (née Noll) DiGirolamo.

Born Tuesday, September 1, 1964, in West Reading, he was a son of the late Santiago N. DiGirolamo and Fern (née Long) Kline, Fleetwood.

A 1982 Graduate of Governor Mifflin High School, Richard was a teacher, mechanic, and a musician. He was a member of the United Church of Christ of Robesonia.

In addition to his mother and wife, he is survived by his children: Marisa E. DiGirolamo and Dominic M. (Ashley) DiGirolamo; his siblings: Ronald Kerns and Deidra DiGirolamo; his step siblings: Rick, Kelly and Sherry; and by his grandson: Reece DiGirolamo.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 5, 2024, at 11:00am at the United Church of Christ of Robesonia, 301 West Penn Avenue, Robesonia, PA 19551, with the Rev. Dr. Benjamin D. Motz, officiating. Relatives and friends may visit with the family at the church on Friday from 10:00am until the time of the service.

Memorial Contributions may be made to his church at the above address or to the ALS Association at www.als.org.

The Mull Funeral Home, Womelsdorf, has charge of the arrangements - www.mullfh.com.

Rich's obituary is also on the church website: <http://www.sprucc.org/worship/funerals.html>

Prayers of Remembrance

During the 10:15am worship service on Sunday, July 14, the United Church of Christ of Robesonia will pause in worship for prayer, as a family of faith, for our brother in Christ, Richard DiGirolamo. Friends and family are very much warmly invited, as we seek to be in prayer not only for Richard, but for all those who loved him, and all those whom he loved.

All Saints Day Prayers

On Sunday, November 3, 2024, during our 10:15am worship service, we will have our annual All Saints Day worship service, where we offer prayers and read the names, in honor and memory of those members including Richard, who in the past year, have left this earthly realm and have gone on before us to enter the Church Triumphant. We wish to welcome you to that time of prayer and worship.

Worship Service Resource Credits

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Funeral Arrangements

Arrangements are by the Mull Funeral Home, Womelsdorf; 27 East High Street Womelsdorf, PA 19567; Phone: 610-589-2821; mullfh.com.

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Nearer, My God, to Thee 553

It is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge. Psalm 73:28

1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee, E'en though it
 2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun gone down, Dark - ness be
 3. *There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n; All that Thou
 4. Then, with my wak - ing tho'ts Bright with Thy praise, Out of my
 5. Or if, on joy - ful wing Cleav - ing the sky, Sun, moon, and

be a cross That rais - eth me! Still all my song shall be:
 o - ver me, My rest a stone; Yet in my dreams I'd be
 send - est me, In mer - cy giv'n; An - gels to beck - on me
 ston - y griefs **Beth - el I'll raise; So by my woes to be
 stars for - got, Up - ward I fly, Still all my song shall be:

Near - er, my God, to Thee; Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.
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*Genesis 28:12 **Genesis 35:15

TEXT: Sarah F. Adams; based on Genesis 28:10-22
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason

BETHANY
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684 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand. Isaiah 41:13

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand. I am
 2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near - When my

tired, I am weak, I am worn. Thro' the storm, thro' the night, Lead me
 life is al - most gone. Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my

on to the light. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 hand lest I fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

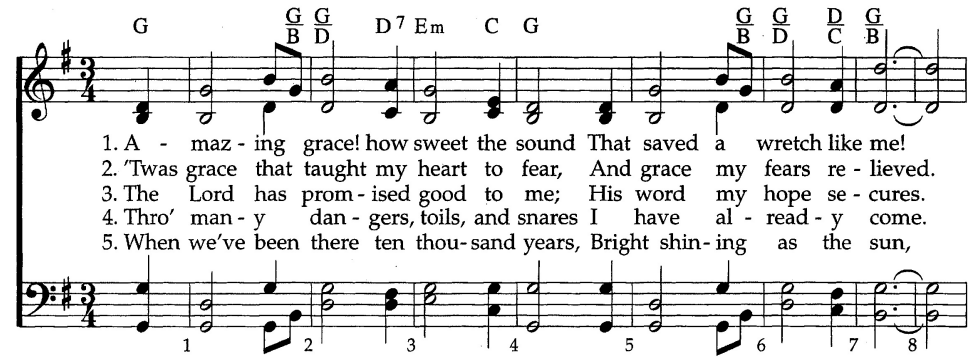
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 MUSIC: George N. Allen; arranged by Thomas A. Dorsey

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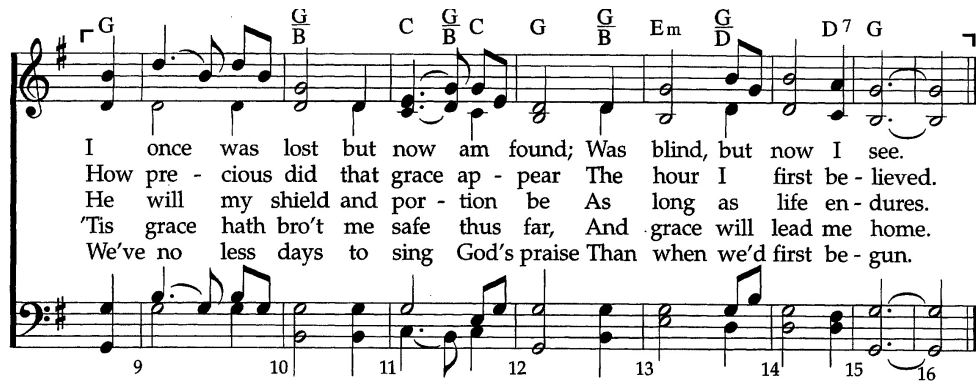
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343 Amazing Grace

One thing I do know, I was blind but now I see! John 9:25



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved.
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His word my hope se - cures.
 4. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I have al - read - y come.
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,



I once was lost but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved.
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

TEXT: John Newton; John P. Rees, stanza 5
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody from Carrell and Clayton's
Virginia Harmony, 1831; arranged by Edwin O. Excell;
 Last stanza setting and Choral ending by O. D. Hall, Jr.

AMAZING GRACE
 C.M.

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