

*Celebrating the Life of*  
**Mark Eaton Leistickow**

August 6, 1931 – October 3, 2020

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**PRELUDE:** “*How Great Thou Art*”

**GREETING**

**GATHERING LITANY**

Leader: Friends, we have gathered here to praise God and to witness to our faith as we celebrate the life of Mark Leistickow.

**People: We come together in grief, acknowledging our human loss.**

Leader: We give thanks to God, whose love sustains us in life, in death, and in life beyond death.

**People: May God grant us grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow, hope, and in death, resurrection.**

**HYMN #378:** “*Amazing Grace*”

**OPENING PRAYER**

**OLD TESTAMENT RESPONSIVE READING:** *Psalms 23*

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside still waters;**

Leader: He restores my soul.

**People: He leads me in right paths for His name’s sake.**

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;

**People: for You are with me;**

**Your rod and Your staff - they comfort me.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;

**People: You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.**

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

**People: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READINGS:**

*John 3:16-17*

*Matthew 11:28-30*

*1 Corinthians 15:54-56*

**MEDITATION**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “*Ave Maria*” (Schubert)

**PERSONAL REMEMBRANCES**

**LITANY OF AFFIRMATION**

Leader: All our times are in God’s hands.

**People: God has given. God now receives that which was  
loaned to us.**

Leader: Faith in Christ gives us new strength to see death not  
as the end, but as a new beginning.

**People: Christ died and rose to life. Christ is the Lord of the  
living and the dead.**

Leader: God lets us live in our bodies as long as we possibly can.

**People: But when we can live here no longer, God gives us a  
way to live forever.**

Leader: Dying, Christ destroyed our death.

**People: Rising, Christ restored our life.**

Leader: God is alive and is with us forever!

People: **God is with Mark. God is with us. In that great truth we rejoice.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**HYMN #707:** *“Hymn of Promise”*

**COMMENDATION**

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE:** *“For All the Saints”*

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