

ALLEN B. KUHN



*Born into the world April 23, 1927
Born to Eternal life June 9, 2021*

A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND COMMENDATION

LEADER: Hear the promises of God: God is near to all who call, who call from their hearts.

PEOPLE: **The desires of those who fear God are fulfilled; their cries are heard; they are saved.**

LEADER: Jesus proclaims: I am the resurrection and the life; all who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

PEOPLE: **Blessed are the dead who die in Christ. “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”**

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.**

PRAYER

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: **Almighty God, your mercy is boundless, look upon us in our sorrow and enable us to hear your word...**

LEADER: Great God of all mystery, if in the presence of death our thoughts are startled and our words flutter about like frightened birds, bring us stillness that we may cover the sorrow of our hearts with folded hands. Give us grace to wait on you silently and with patience. You are nearer to us than we know, closer than we can imagine. If we cannot find you, it is because we

search in far places. Before we felt the pain, you suffered it; before the burden came upon us, your strength lifted it; before the sorrow darkened our hearts, you were grieved. As you walk in the valley of every shadow, be our good shepherd and sustain us while we walk with you, lest in weakness we falter. Keep us in your way and guide us past every danger; through the mercy of our Good Lord and Savior we pray.

ALL: Amen.

HYMN – “Amazing Grace”

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. Above the staff, the following chords are indicated: G, G/D, D7, Em, C, G, G/D, D/C, G/B. Below the staff, the lyrics are written in five lines, corresponding to the notes of the melody.

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 Through 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,

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. Above the staff, the following chords are indicated: G, G/B, C, G, G/B, Em, G/D, D7, G. Below the staff, the lyrics are written in five lines, corresponding to the notes of the melody.

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 that brought 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.

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WORDS: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; vs. 5, anonymous
 MUSIC: Virginia Harmony, 1831; adapt. Edwin O. Excell (1851-1921)

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READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

Matthew 25:14-23

LEADER: Let us pray.

PEOPLE: Merciful God, we thank you for your word; it is a lamp for our feet, a light for our path. We thank you especially that in the times of our grief and in the shadows of our sorrow, we are not left to ourselves. We have the light of your promises to sustain and comfort us. Amen.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Remembering Allen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *from Romans 8*

LEADER: Let us say again what we believe

PEOPLE: We believe 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.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND THANKSGIVING

LEADER: At the rising of the sun and its going down,

PEOPLE: we remember him.

LEADER: At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

PEOPLE: we remember him.

LEADER: At the opening of the buds and the rebirth of spring,

PEOPLE: we remember him.

LEADER: At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,

PEOPLE: we remember him.

LEADER: When we are lost and sick at heart,

PEOPLE: we remember him.

LEADER: When we have decisions that are difficult to make,

PEOPLE: we remember him.

LEADER: When we have achievements that are based on his,

PEOPLE: we remember him.

As long as we live, he too will live, for he is now a part of us, as we remember him.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, SILENT PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

COMMENDATION

LEADER: Oh God, we feel the touch of your comfort,
Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we
commend your servant, Allen Kuhn.
Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your
own fold, a lamb of your own flock, and a son of
your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms

of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the company of the saints in light.

PEOPLE: Amen.

HYMN – “Take My Life and Let it Be”

F $\frac{E}{C}$ C7 F Dm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Gm

1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
 2 Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 3 Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 4 Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its

$\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F C $\frac{C7}{E}$ C7 F $\frac{4}{2}$ F

Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move
 ful for thee; take my voice and let me sing
 ges for thee; take my sil - ver and my gold,
 treas - ure store; take my - self and I will be

F Bb F $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C Dm C F $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C F

at the im - pulse of thy love, at the im - pulse of thy love.
 al - ways, on - ly, for my King, al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 not a mite would I with - hold, not a mite would I with - hold.
 ev - er, on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)
 MUSIC: Henri A. César Malan (1787-1864)

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SONG OF SIMEON

ALL: Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled; my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people; a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Allen Benjamin Kuhn

Allen Benjamin Kuhn, age 94, entered into God's eternal care on June 9, 2021, surrounded in love by family.

Allen was born in 1927 to Norma and Benjamin Kuhn, and grew up in Chilton, Wisconsin in a loving family of modest means with his brother, Daniel, and sister, Shirley. He played basketball and ran track for Chilton High School, and skate-jumped barrels on the frozen Manitowoc River. He served his country in the Army towards the end of WWII, from 1945-47, and was eventually stationed in occupied, war-torn Germany where he experienced first-hand the horrific aftermath of war and genocide. This experience also awakened in Allen a curiosity for the world outside of northeast Wisconsin, and inspired a life-long love of travel.

The trajectory of Allen's life was shaped by the opportunities provided him by the GI Bill, a college education (B.A. Marquette University), and hard work. Fresh out of college, he took a job with the Marine Bank (later Bank One) in Milwaukee and stayed there until retiring 39 years later. Known and appreciated by colleagues for his clear-headedness, integrity, and insight, he was eventually promoted to Vice President of the Loan Review Department. But even more important to Allen was his marriage to Barbara Heimann in 1963, which transformed a fun-loving bachelor of 36 years into a devoted husband and father of three children. Making their home in Brookfield, Allen valued the simple and truly important things in life: family, friends, faith, and grilling out on the back patio. He was fond of his many fishing trips to Canada with life-long and new friends from the Chilton area, and his son, Karl. He also cherished his numerous traveling adventures in retirement with Barbara, and the tremendous blessings of eight grandchildren. During his long retirement, he also devoted time to his community, volunteering for Frieden's Food Panty, Habitat for Humanity, the Sisters of Saint Francis, and his congregation, Trinity United Church of Christ in Brookfield.

Allen is preceded in death by Barbara (2011), to whom he was admirably devoted, his brother Daniel Kuhn (1997), sister-in-law, Mary Francis Heimann OSF (2016) and his daughter-in-law, Kathryn Kuhn (2020). He is survived by his sister, Shirley Puariea of Albuquerque; three children, Elizabeth (Thomas) Wank of Twin Lakes, WI, Louise (Daniel) Hubert of the Philippines, and Karl Kuhn of Kiel, WI; sister-in-law, Eloise Heimann of Milwaukee; and eight grandchildren, Anya, Samuel and Alexander Wank, Benjamin, Noah and Daniel Hubert, Joshua and Clare Kuhn; and many other dear relatives and friends.

Memorial gifts in Allen's honor will be received at the service or by mail for Peace UCC's fund to support its work with Habitat for Humanity. Please send and make checks payable to Peace UCC.