

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020



IN MEMORY OF
THE REVEREND DOCTOR LOUIS H. ZBINDEN, JR.

CHILD OF THE COVENANT - INHERITOR OF THE KINGDOM
FEBRUARY 11, 1936 - SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

Please silence all electronic devices. To ensure the safety of all attendees, we ask that you wear a mask at all times while in the church facility.

At the conclusion of the service, we ask that you remain in place as the family exits. Following their exit, please be seated until our ushers dismiss your row beginning with the back of the sanctuary and moving forward. If you do not require mobility assistance, we ask that you return to your vehicle via the outdoor sidewalks. Those seated in our overflow locations will be dismissed by Ushers one row at a time after the family has left the sanctuary.

† Please stand at these times if you are able to do so.

PRELUDE

DR. JAE HA, ORGAN

† SEATING OF THE FAMILY

HIGHLAND CATHEDRAL

DAN CALKINS, PIPER

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ASSURANCE

THE REV. DR. BOB FULLER

OPENING PRAYER

† HYMN — GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

OLD TESTAMENT READING — PSALM 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.
⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

UNISON READING — ROMANS 8:31-35, 37-39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ... ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ 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.

CELEBRATION OF ABUNDANT AND ETERNAL LIFE

THE REV. DR. JIM SINGLETON

†HYMN — A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty Fortress is our God, a Bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great; and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His Kingdom is forever.

CHORAL WORSHIP — I AM NOT MY OWN

CRAIG COURTNEY

I am not my own, I am not my own,
Not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own.
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I am not my own.

I am not my own, I am not my own,
Not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own.
His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free.

I am not my own.
For my salvation all things work together,
In eternal life He gives me hope.
By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him.
I am not my own, I am not my own.
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

I belong to Him, I belong to Him,
In life, in death, my only comfort,
I belong to Him, I will live for Him.
Forever and ever, forever and ever, forever more.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

THE REV. DR. RON SCATES

II TIMOTHY 4:7

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

EPHESIANS 2:19-22

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

JOHN 14:1-6

¹ “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

CELEBRATION OF ABUNDANT AND ETERNAL LIFE

THE REV. DR. RON SCATES

†THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, Q. 1

THE REV. DR. BOB FULLER

Leader: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

People: My only comfort is that I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER THE REV. DR. BOB FULLER

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.

†HYMN — THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The Church's one Foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

†BENEDICTION

THE REV. DR. LOUIS H. ZBINDEN, JR.

†CHORAL BENEDICTION — THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU JOHN RUTTER

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you:
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

†POSTLUDE — 'GLORY HALLELUJAH' FROM BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

PETER WILHOUSKY, ARR.

OBITUARY

Louis Henderson Zbinden, Jr., child of the covenant, joined the cloud of witnesses September 11, 2020. Louis was born February 11, 1936, in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Louis met Katherine Shoaf (Kip) during their time at Southwestern, but they did not date until after graduation when they met again at a friend's wedding. While in the hospital due to a knee surgery, he proposed and they married in 1959. They celebrated 61 years of marriage on August 14 this year.

Growing up in Chattanooga, Louis attended McCallie School. He graduated from Southwestern University at Memphis (now Rhodes College) and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.

Louis began his pastoral career at the oldest Presbyterian church in Virginia, Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church, in Fort Defiance, and was serving as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Lenoir, North Carolina, when he was called to San Antonio. He served as senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church from 1971 until 2004. Because of his boldness, imagination and faithfulness to God's call, with the help of his congregation and other religious and civic leaders, many in our city and beyond have experienced new hope and opportunity. Louis was instrumental in the founding of Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM), San Antonio Metropolitan Ministries (SAMM), the Samaritan Counseling Center, the Christian Dental Clinic at Haven for Hope, and Bexar County Detention Ministries. He served as a member of multiple community leadership boards, including Haven for Hope, Mission Road Ministries, Morningside Ministries, San Antonio Medical Foundation, San Antonio Community of Churches, and The Children's Bereavement Center, among others. He also served on the Board of Directors at Jefferson Bank, Trinity University, Austin College, Rhodes College, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Ecumenical Center for Religion and Health, and Mo-Ranch Presbyterian Conference Center.

Louis was named Outstanding Man of the Year, Exchange Club Golden Deeds, 1983; honored with the National Council of Christians and Jews Humanitarian Award, 1986; Jefferson Award, Express-News, American Institute for Public Service, 2000; and Peacemaker Award, San Antonio Bar Foundation, 2001. In 2002, he was honored by the naming of the Louis H. and Katherine S. Zbinden Chair of Pastoral Ministry and Leadership at Austin Theological Seminary.

Louis led multiple preaching missions and retreats locally as well as internationally. Under his leadership, members of First Presbyterian Church served in Mexico, Brazil, Africa, Guatemala, Costa Rica, India, and the Rio Grande Valley. Louis and Kip enjoyed six annual spring semesters of teaching at Justo Mwale Seminary in Lusaka, Zambia from 2005 through 2010.

Truly, as God's servant, Louis Zbinden has been an outstanding leader in our world. We are joyful in the knowledge that he is walking with his Savior and hearing the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Louis is preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Mildred Zbinden, brother Ray Zbinden, and an infant sister Jaqueline. He is survived by his wife Kip, daughter Anne Zbinden, son Louis III and wife Jodi, daughter Katie Zbinden Farrimond and husband Brent, daughter Betsy Zbinden Baker

and husband Wally, and grandchildren Louis Zbinden IV and wife Sarah, Pearce Zbinden, Mollie Farrimond, Hunter Farrimond, Abbie Farrimond, Owen Baker, and Elizabeth Baker. He is also survived by his brother Mark Zbinden and wife Betsy, and sister in law Peggy Zbinden.

The family thanks Mary Broner, Jacob Broner, Kizzie Everly, Phyllis Lott, and Edith Ray for their loving kindness.



**"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT...
ENTER INTO THE JOY OF YOUR MASTER."
- MATTHEW 25:21**



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