

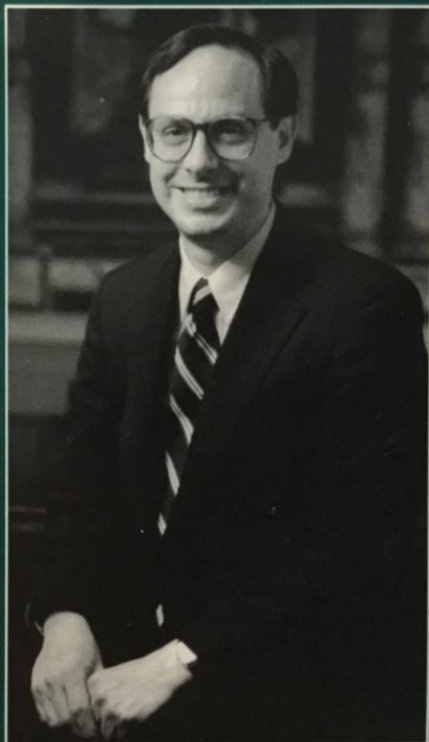


A Witness to the Resurrection

**The Honorable James Frederick Schneider
November 18, 1947 – April 6, 2020**

10:00 a.m.

April 15, 2020



OBITUARY

Schneider, age 72, retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maryland, died of osteomyelitis on Monday, April 6, at his Homeland residence. Upon his retirement in 2017, following 35 years of service, he was the longest-serving federal or state judge in Maryland. He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Susan M. Marzetta; his daughter Laura Elaine Schneider and son-in-law, Garrison Brooks Clark, of Austin, Tex.; and his daughter Caroline May Schneider of the family home in Baltimore.

Jim was born on November 18, 1947, at the old Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore City, to Joseph F. Schneider and Mary Christine ("May") Schneider (nee Lepper), both now deceased. He was a graduate of Parkville High School (1965), the University of Baltimore (1969) where he majored in history, and the first day class of the University of Baltimore School of Law (1972). For more than 40 years, he served as historian and archivist of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City (formerly the Supreme Bench). He lectured and wrote about Baltimore legal history throughout his career, and in 1984 co-founded the Baltimore Museum of Legal History in the Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., Courthouse. He enjoyed listening to music from the '20s, '30s, and '40s.

Jim made friends easily throughout his life. Although he was an only child, he was surrounded by the love of a large extended family and is survived by many beloved cousins. He was cared for and much loved by Susan's family, and is survived by his mother-in-law, Rose Marie Marzetta, of Chevy Chase, Md.; sisters-in-law Barbara Marzetta of Washington, DC, and Elaine Lacy of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.; brother-in-law, Thomas Marzetta, of Summit, NJ; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Since 1978, Jim was a member of First and Franklin Presbyterian Church, and he wrote extensively about its history. Private interment will be in Parkwood Cemetery. Donations may be made in Jim's memory to support the Building for Life Fund at the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center (payable to "UMMS Foundation," 110 S. Paca St., Baltimore, Md. 21201, or online at www.ummsfoundation.org) and to his church (payable to "First and Franklin Presbyterian Church," 210 W. Madison St., Baltimore, Md. 21201, or online at www.firstfranklin.org).

PRELUDE

GREETING

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We gather today in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection,
to give thanks to God for the life of James Frederick,
to receive the comfort of the Holy Spirit,
and to proclaim the good news of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.

Rom. 6:3–5

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,
so that, as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live a new life.

For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his,
we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
Eternal God,
maker of heaven and earth:
You formed us from the dust of the earth,
and by your breath you gave us life.
We glorify you.

Jesus Christ,
the resurrection and the life:
You tasted death for all humanity,
and by rising from the grave
you opened the way to eternal life.

We praise you.
Holy Spirit,
author and giver of life:
You are the comforter of all who sorrow,
our sure confidence
and everlasting hope.
We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity,
be glory and honor, forever and ever. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Those who believe in me, even though they die,
will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me
will never die.

John 11:25–26

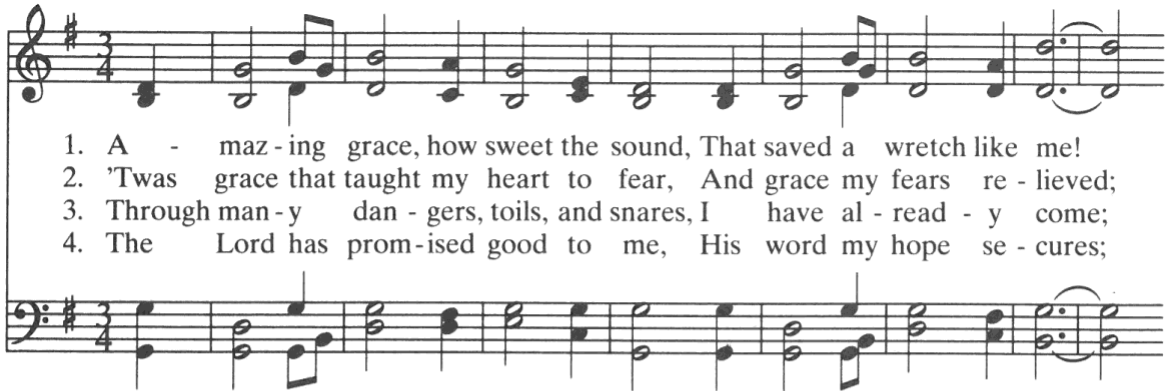
PRAYER

Eternal God, we bless you for the great company
of all those who have kept the faith,
finished their race,
and who now rest from their labor.
We praise you for those dear to us
whom we name in our hearts before you. . . .
Especially we thank you for Jim,
whom you have now received into your presence.
Help us to believe where we have not seen,
trusting you to lead us through our years.
Bring us at last with all your saints
into the joy of your home,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

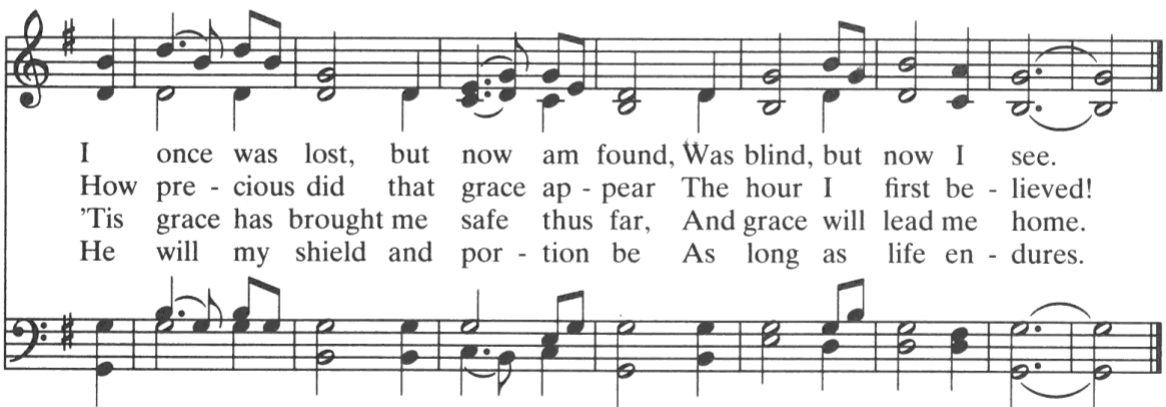
GATHERING HYMN 280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE



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. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;



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!
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,
whose loving-kindness endures forever:
we confess that often we have failed
to receive and give love;
to care for others as we care for ourselves;
to forgive and accept forgiveness.
We remember good intentions that were not put into actions;
harsh words that were hurtful;
selfish purposes that caused pain;
persistent pride that would not yield.
We acknowledge our fear in the face of death
and our failure to accept the hope you offer us in Christ.
Hear us, O Lord,
as in this silence, we make our confession to you.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
he maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside 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 they 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 forever. Amen.

Revelation 21:1-4, 22-25; 22:3-5

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;
4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

22 I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25 Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Matthew 5:1-12a

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

HYMN OF RESPONSE 339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND SUPPLICATION

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 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

COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
we commend your servant James Frederick.
Acknowledge, we humbly pray,
a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

HYMN 526

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, Who
2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
*3. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
**4. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through

Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet
gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

FUNERAL

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Harmony, stanza 3

3. O blest com - mu - nion, fel-low-ship di - vine! We fee-bly strug - gle,

they in glo - ry shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are

D.C. for stanza 4

Thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

BLESSING

MUSICAL REFLECTION

I'll Walk Beside You

Alan Murray & Edward Lockton
sung and recorded by
John McCormack, tenor
(1884-1945)

I'll walk beside you through the world today
While dreams and songs and flowers bless your way
I'll look into your eyes and hold your hand
I'll walk beside you through the golden land

I'll walk beside you through the world tonight
Beneath the starry skies ablaze with light
And in your heart love's tender words I'll hide
I'll walk beside you through the eventide.

I'll walk beside you through the passing years
Through days of cloud and sunshine, joy and tears
And when the great call comes, though sunset gleams
I'll walk beside you through the land of dreams.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Rob Hoch, *Pastor*

Jason Kissel, *Minister of Music & Organist*

Taylor Brooks, *Tech Support*

Don Juedes, *tenor, hymn leader*

Marianne Shick, *soprano, hymn leader*

Sandra Smith, *alto, hymn leader*

John McLucas, *baritone, hymn leader*