

+Silent Prayer

Direct us, O Lord, in all our ways and by Your mercy and power protect us in our most holy faith; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You, we may glorify Your Holy Name, and finally, by Your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“To Be with Christ”

This world is beautiful and bright, O Scarce one cloud has dimmed my sky,
And yet no gloomy shades of night Are gath'ring 'round me though I die;
Yet there's a lov'lier land of light, Illum'd by Bethle'm's beaming Star;
E'en now it bursts upon my sight, to be with Christ is better far.

True, life is sweet, and friends are dear, and youth and health are pleasant things;
Yet, leave I all, without a tear, No sad regret my bosom wrings.
The ties of earth are broken all, My chainless soul, above yon star,
Shall wing its way beyond re call, to be with Christ is better far.

And is this death? My soul is calm, no sting is here, the strife is done.
Glory to God and to the Lamb! Sweet triumph! I have won, I've won!
A crown immortal, robes of white, for me, for me in waiting are;
Arrayed in glory, clothed in light, to be with Christ is Better far.
Early American Folk Hymn, Paul S. Jones

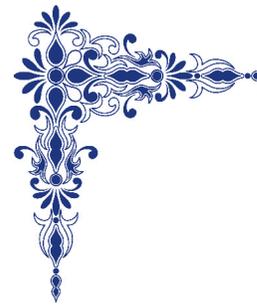
Postlude

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ² When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. ⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. ⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. ⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸ You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.” ⁹ Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. ¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! ¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! – Psalm 27

Please join us for a reception in DeSoto Hall following the service.

Interment at Tahoma National Cemetery

2:00 pm



Magnum Tulfo

January 10, 1935 ~ December 24, 2018



Faith Presbyterian Church

Tacoma, Washington

January 3, 2019

11:00 am



Prelude

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
Psalm 116: 15

Call to Worship

*Hymn

“The Sands of Time Are Sinking”

No. 546

*Confession Faith

Q. How does the article concerning “life everlasting” comfort you?

A. Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God eternally. Heidelberg Catechism No. 58

Prayer

Unison Reading of Holy Scripture

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words. -- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Remarks

Mr. Paul Darby
Mr. Steven Knight

*Hymn

“It Is Well with My Soul”

No. 691

Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (ESV p. 966)

Sermon

“The Mysterious Life of the Dead in Christ”

*Hymn

“For All the Saints”

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor’s crown of gold.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest,
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

William Walsham How (1864, 1875)
“Sine Nomine” Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Benediction

Magno Tulfo

January 10, 1935-December 24, 2018

Born January 10, 1935 in Manila, Philippines, Magno (Magnum) Barcarcil Tulfo was destined to be shaped by wartime military service. While his father and two older brothers served in the Philippine Scouts, an organization of the United States Army, six-year-old Magnum and his family faced the 1941 Japanese bombing of Manila. However, their hardships were just beginning. After a brief season of desperate resistance, the Philippine Scouts, including Magnum's father and two brothers, were forced to surrender to their powerful foe. Magnum last saw his father as he and his brothers were herded away in what would later be known as the Bataan Death March. Bereaved and traumatized, the remaining members of Magnum's family would yet bear the indignity of forcible quartering of enemy soldiers in their home. The final chapter of this tragic episode played out as enemy soldiers lit their house on fire, sending Magnum's shattered family on a desperate flight to a nearby, dry riverbed.

As the war waged on, young Magnum would feel its effects in deprivation of another kind as well. Education was not to be had in war-torn Manila, so Magnum's older sister taught him until he was in the 4th grade and the country was liberated. Through his diligence, he managed to make the most of his education, and in 1957 he came to America to study aeronautical engineering at Northrup Aeronautical Institute in Inglewood, California.

His education, however, was cut short by a draft notice from the U.S. Army. Magnum served honorably for two years and re-enlisted in 1960. After serving tours in Germany and Fort Lewis, Magnum was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division in 1968 and deployed to Quang Tri, a Vietnamese province just south of the North Vietnam border. There, Magnum and his fellow soldiers repelled the Tet Offensive, a major strike of the Vietcong against the South Vietnamese which gravely risked the lives of thousands of U.S. and South Vietnamese troops. Magnum, a sergeant by this time, distinguished himself multiple times by acts of heroism, which in later years he would find very difficult to speak of. Nonetheless, his military service is replete with evidence of selfless actions in the face of imminent danger. He would ultimately be awarded a bronze star with

valor, our nation's fourth highest military decoration for combat bravery. He would further receive an Air Medal and two Army Commendation Medals, one also with valor.

Magnum continued his military service until December of 1978, at which point he honorably retired as a Sergeant First-Class having dutifully completed, in addition to his time in Vietnam, a tour in Korea and various posts in Europe and the U.S.

Following military retirement, Magnum attended Pierce College Fort Steilacoom to begin a new career as an armed security guard. He worked in that capacity for the Naval Submarine Base Bangor and the Henry M. Jackson Federal Building in Seattle until his retirement. During those years he maintained close, regular connections with his beloved 5th Cavalry Regiment and 1st Cavalry Division, as well as the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW), while he took up ballroom dancing and vegetable gardening. The highlight of those years were holiday celebrations and motorhome adventures with his children and grandchildren.

Magnum's later life was to be marked by the discovery of two new loves. In the year 2000, while attending the Manhattan Dance Club, Magnum met the first of these two loves, Delores Bennett. It was Delores who introduced Magnum to his second love, faithful and loving service to the Savior. Their years together were marked by their love for God and country. Together, they lived out their faith over morning devotions, hours in the garden, sunsets at Titlow Beach, and of course dancing. They invested their time and energies in various civic clubs, laboring tirelessly for the 28th District Republicans, the VFW, and even joining the Sons of Norway. They loved to travel together, attending 1st Cavalry reunions annually, taking cruises, and going on several international trips over the years. If there was an activity at Faith Presbyterian Church or its schools, where their granddaughter attended, Magnum and Delores were there in cheerful attendance and support. They treasured each event and even managed to enjoy one of their granddaughter's concerts during what would be Magnum's last week on this earth.

Magnum passed away peacefully at home on December 24, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Delores Tulfo; sister, Adela Narra; two children, Larry Tulfo and Pearl Andreotti (David); stepson, Scott Bennett (Alisha); and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.