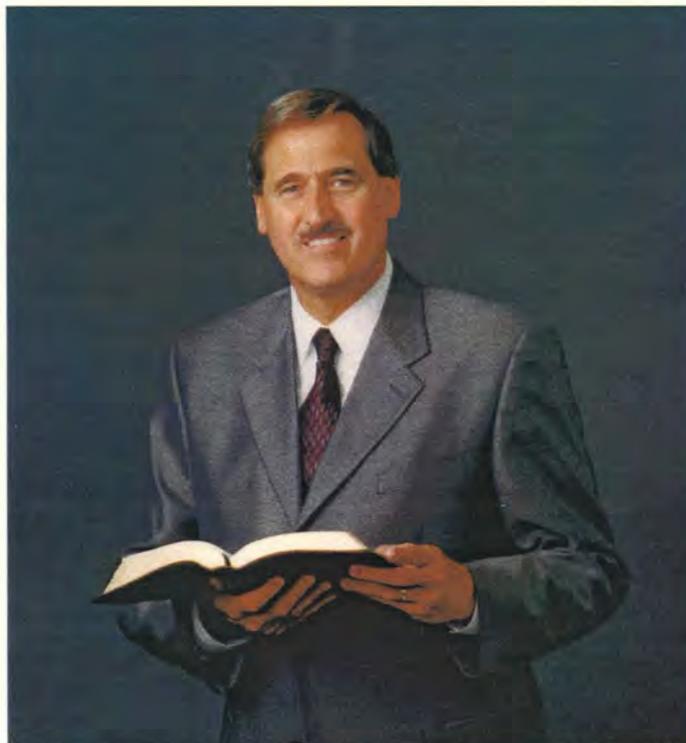


A Service of Worship and Praise
Celebrating the Life of

Rodney Dennis Stortz

December 23, 1950 - March 9, 2003



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

*Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous Judge,
will award to me on that day - and not only to me,
but also to all who have longed for his appearing."*

II Timothy 4:7-8

Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church

March 12, 2003

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE TO
CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF

RODNEY DENNIS STORTZ

Prelude *SARABANDE FROM D. MINOR SUITE* Bach
Carol Ou, cello

CRADLE SONG Gliere
Jamie Buswell IV, violin and Carol Ou, cello

Scripture for Meditation I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore, encourage each other with these words.

Introit *ANGELS* Rebekah Stortz
Katie Polski, Rebekah and Erin Stortz

THE ZEAL OF GOD

* Call to Worship The Reverends Chris Polski, Bo White, Herb Ward

Pastor: And Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

Pastoral response: His disciples remembered that it is written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." John 2:17

Pastoral response: Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church! To Him be glory in the Church, both now and forevermore. Amen! Ephesians 3:21

* Processional Hymn *THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION* arr. John Haines

(All) *The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word:*

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

(Women) *Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses; with ev'ry grace endued.*

(Men) *Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the
night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

(All) *The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend, to guide, sustain,
and cherish, is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale, against or foe
or traitor she ever shall prevail. (Interlude)*

(Choir) *'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church
victorious shall be the church at rest. (Interlude)*

(All) *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.*

(Choir) *Alleluia! Amen!*

* Prayer of Adoration The Reverend Albert "Bud" Moginot, Visitation Pastor

Meditation on the Zeal of God Dr. Niel Nielson, President of Covenant College

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Ministry in Music *II PART INVENTION #6 IN E MAJOR* Bach
Jamie Buswell IV, violin and Carol Ou, cello

Old Testament Scripture Reading Elder Duncan Highmark
*You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast,
because he trusts in you. Isaiah 26:3*

Testimony of God's Grace
New Testament Scripture Reading Philippians 4:4-7

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all.
The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which
transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Hymn of Assurance *IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL* arr. Don Hart

(All) *When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.*

(Men) *Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come, let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.*

(All) *It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.* (Interlude)

(Choir) *My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul*

*And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend: Even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul*

Gospel Reading

Elder Charlie Johnson

*Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that
everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave
his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For
God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through
him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands
condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.*

John 3:14-18

Anthem

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

Joseph M. Martin

Karyne Urquhart and Tonya Zanders, soloists

Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

THE COMFORT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Words from the Family

Dr. Niel Nielson, brother-in-law of Pastor Stortz

Poem

A MASTERPIECE

Rebekah Stortz

Molded with care your every word was carved out with the Master's flare.

Through your intricate beauty I saw salvation's hand.

It gripped me in its grace and my molding began.

*Others also came to the Master enthralled by His delicate style
grasped by His power; drawn through your smile.*

The Master had to chisel away to complete His perfect work

With each piece you became more beautiful but with each piece you hurt.

*He saw in full, we saw in part. But He knew his molded clay
would be a finished piece of art.*

You may have hurt, but you never doubted the surety of His care,

though others wondered as they watched how this could be fair.

*you knew that soon faith would be sight and that when your Master was finished
your salvation would be in flight.*

*You preached of the Master until you could no longer stand.
And when your legs gave out the words still ran on and on
of His love's grace and when the words were finished
you beheld His face.*

*And now the Master beholds you, a finished Masterpiece
brought to full salvation, brought in total peace.
And you behold your Master face to face drinking of His beauty
tasting of His grace. You have reached the place where you so longed to be.
A finished work dwelling with your Master for eternity.*

Anthem

I'LL BE HOME Janet Sugg - arr. Haines/Conner
Katie Polski, Rebekah and Erin Stortz

*When I close my eyes I dream of the place that waits for me.
There is happiness like I have never known. It's a place that I can finally call my own.
I'll be home.*

*I will leave behind the tears, disappointment, sorrows, fears. For the peace
within my heart will overflow. I will never be afraid or all alone.
I'll be home. I'll be home. I'll be home.*

*And the Lord will call my name. Promise me I'll live with him always.
And His smile will be like sunshine on my face.
I will find the love I long for in that place.*

*Close your eyes and dream with me. Hear the laughter, feel the peace.
Leave behind the cares that hold you in this life. There is so much waiting for you,
come with me, come with me. We'll be home. We'll be home. We'll be home.*

Scripture Reading
Sermon

Romans 8:31-39

"MAKE IT JOYFUL!"
The Reverend Chris Polski, Pastor of Community

* Hymn of Response

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

arr. Ron Huff

*"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing ye heav'ns, and earth reply. Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

(Choir)

Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

* Hymn of Praise

HAIL THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS

G. Holst - arr. John Haines

*Hail thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King! Thou didst suffer to release us;
thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, thou agonizing Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!*

By thy merits we find favor, life is given through thy Name.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia now we sing. Alleluia, alleluia, all hail, thou risen King!

*Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid; by almighty love anointed,
thou hast full atonement made. All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood;
opened is the gate of heaven; peace is made 'twixt man and God.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia now we sing. Alleluia, alleluia, all hail, thou risen King!

*Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, there forever to abide; all the heav'nly hosts adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side. There for sinners thou art pleading; there thou dost our place prepare;
ever for us interceding till in glory we appear.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia now we sing. Alleluia, alleluia all hail thou risen King!

*Worship honor, pow'r and blessing thou art worthy to receive; loudest praises, without ceasing,
meet it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic spirits, bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia now we sing. Alleluia, alleluia, hail to our risen King! (Interlude)

*O hear, our gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may
serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia now we sing. Alleluia, alleluia, hail to our risen King!

Dismissal and Invitation to Interment

The Reverend Herb Ward, Associate Pastor

**All are invited to continue in singing and worship
at the interment service at the Forever Bellerive Cemetery
which will be led by Dr. John W. Buswell, father-in-law of Pastor Stortz.**

Directions: North on 141 to Ladue - right on Ladue to Mason
Left on Mason - right into Cemetery.

Please remain seated for the postlude and then proceed to your cars for the funeral procession.
For those not planning to attend the grave side service, please allow those in the funeral procession
to exit the parking lot first.

Postlude

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

March 12, 2003

1:00 PM

HYMNS FOR THE GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Prelude

Brass Quintet

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.

Refrain: 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!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

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! Refrain

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God: he to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found; dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. Refrain

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

NO NIGHT THERE

In the land of fadeless day lies the city four-square; it shall never pass away, and there is no night there.

Refrain: God shall wipe away all tears; there's no death, no pain, nor fears; and they count not time by years, for there is no night there.

There they need no sunshine bright, in that city four-square; for the Lamb is all the light, and there is no night there. Refrain

WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more, and the morning breaks, eternal, bright, and fair; when the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Refrain: When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun, let us talk of all his wondrous love and care; then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Refrain

O THAT WILL BE GLORY

When all my labors and trials are o'er, and I am safe on that beautiful shore, just to be near the dear Lord I adore, Will thro' the ages be glory for me...

Refrain: O that will be glory for me, Glory for me, glory for me, when by His grace I shall look on His face, that will be glory, be glory for me.

Friends will be there I have loved long ago; joy like a river around me will flow; yet just a smile from my Savior, I know, Will thro' the ages be glory for me... Refrain

Postlude

Brass Quintet

BIOGRAPHY OF RODNEY DENNIS STORTZ

Rodney Stortz was born on December 23, 1950 to Edward and Lillian Stortz in Pennsylvania. He spent all of his early life in Emmaus, Pennsylvania until he headed off to college at Covenant College, which was located on Lookout Mountain in North Georgia. While studying biology at Covenant, Rodney met Elizabeth Buswell and they were married in 1974 at Covenant Presbyterian Church here in St. Louis. Rodney went on to graduate from Covenant Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree in 1977. Ever since that time Rodney and Elizabeth have had a powerful partnership in ministry at their various places of service.

Following graduation from seminary, Rodney spent two years in a pastoral internship at First Reformed Presbyterian Church in Penn Hills, Pennsylvania under the Reverend Charles B. Holliday. Rodney next served at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Muncie, Indiana from 1979-1983 and then at Covenant Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, Missouri from 1983 to 1990. At the time of his home-going Rodney was serving as the Senior Pastor of Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church here in St. Louis, which he helped to plant in 1990 with many of the members of Covenant Presbyterian Church.



In addition to his duties as Pastor of Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church, Rodney also served on the Board of Directors of Trans World Radio and Covenant College where he was a member of the class of 1972. Rodney also was a member of the Adjunct Faculty at Covenant Theological Seminary where he taught Homiletics.

In the last several years much of Rodney's time was dedicated to his radio ministry, "Oaks of Righteousness" which began in St. Louis in 1994 and has since spread to nine radio stations throughout the Midwest. He also spent time working on a commentary on the book of Daniel which will be published posthumously in the *Preaching the Word* series published by Crossway Books sometime in the next several months. One of his other great passions was preaching and teaching on the subject of the Second Coming, which he did regularly at Twin Oaks and at other churches and conferences, including the Ligonier Bible Conference in 1999. The "Oaks of Righteousness" Radio Ministry will continue forward into the future as long as the Lord sees fit to use Rodney's powerful Bible teaching to communicate the great truths of the gospel.

His life and ministry alongside Liz have been a tremendous blessing to many. He will be missed!