



**A Celebration  
of the Life of  
Earl Warren Witmer**

February 28, 1928 - September 7, 2009

“To live is Christ and to die is gain.”

# Welcome to Intown Community Church

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
To all who mourn and long for comfort;  
To all who sin and need a Savior;  
To all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
And to whosoever would come—  
This church opens wide her doors and offers welcome  
In the name of Christ.

## *Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1*

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own,  
but belong—  
body and soul,  
in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for my sins with His precious blood,  
and He has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to Him,  
Christ, by His Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for Him.

**For the Glory of God  
For the Comfort of Family and Friends  
In Loving Memory of  
Earl Warren Witmer**

Prelude

Jeanette Heydt

Welcome and Prayer

Rev. Matt Christian

Words From the Family

Mr. Steve Witmer

Songs of Praise

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish—but naught changes Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of Light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render—O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

*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.

*Chorus:* 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. *Chorus*

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! *Chorus*

**Words of Reflection**

**Rev. Matt Cadora**

**Song of Assurance**

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Brethren, we have met to worship, to adore the Lord and God;  
Will you pray with expectation as we preach the living Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray, and God's great blessing will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love our brothers too;  
Let us pray and care for people till God makes their lives anew.  
When at last we're called to heaven, in His presence we'll sit down;  
And the Lord will then reward us giving us a heavenly crown.

**Words of Remembrance**

**Rev. Dick Cain**

**Words of Exhortation**

**Rev. Scott Seaton**

## Song of Peace

### *Be Thou My Vision*

Arr.: John Rutter

Intown Community Church Choir

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;  
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,  
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;  
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might;  
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower;  
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:  
O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all,  
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.  
O Ruler of all.

## Song of Response

### *It Is Well With My Soul*

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea bellows roll;  
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*Refrain:* It is well (it is well),  
With my soul (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet though trials should come,  
    Let this blest assurance control,  
    That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. *Refrain*  
    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. *Refrain*  
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. *Refrain*

## Closing Prayer and Benediction

Rev. John Tinnin

## Song of Refreshment

*May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,  
    By His love and power controlling all I do and say.  
May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
    So that all may see I triumph only through His power.  
May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life in everything,  
    That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.  
May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea;  
    Him exalting, self abasing—this is victory.  
May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,  
    Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.  
May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
    And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

## Postlude

## Honorary Pall Bearers

### Members of Earl and Marguerite's Community Group

Val Akopov

Hagan Rogers

Vince Baria

Will Shearer

Adrian Luyk

Whit Yates

Chuck Rogers

## Musicians

Intown Community Church Choir

John Bigham - Vocals

Missy Bigham - Vocals

Stephen Crist - Piano

Jeanette Heydt - Harp

## Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."

"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;

I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

He will call upon me, and I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble,

I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him

and show him my salvation."

Thank you for your continued support, prayers  
and your presence with us today.

The family will receive friends and loved ones  
at a reception immediately following the service.

Memorial gifts may be sent to  
The Earl Witmer Memorial Fund  
Covenant College  
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