

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF H. Nelson Brechbill

March 28, 1932 to June 4, 2021

*Please stand in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

SENTENCES

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; all who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one; I died, and behold I am alive forevermore.

*OPENING HYMN #587

"*Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*" (v. 1-3)

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, we gather here in the protective shelter of God's healing love. We are free to pour out our grief, release our anger, face our emptiness, and know that God cares.

We gather here as God's people, conscious of others who have died and the frailty of our own existence on earth.

We come to comfort and to support one another in our common loss.

We gather to hear God's word of hope that can drive away our despair and move us to offer God our praise.

We gather to commend to God with thanksgiving the life of God's servant and to celebrate the life journey of Nelson Brechbill, as we celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection.

For whether we live or whether we die, we belong to Christ who is Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gracious is our God and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

I will walk in the presence of God in the land of the living.

I will fulfill my vows to God in the presence of all God's people.

Precious in the sight of God is the death of all those who die in faithfulness.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #C-43

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

"*Nearer My God to Thee*" (v. 1-3)

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Theresa Brechbill

Psalm 23

UNISON READING

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

"*The Old Rugged Cross*" (v. 1 & 4)

HYMN #185

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8

MEDITATION

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

REMEMBRANCES

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

*SONG OF SIMEON

Holy One, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

*CLOSING HYMN #323

"*How Great Thou Art*"

*BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Officiant: Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

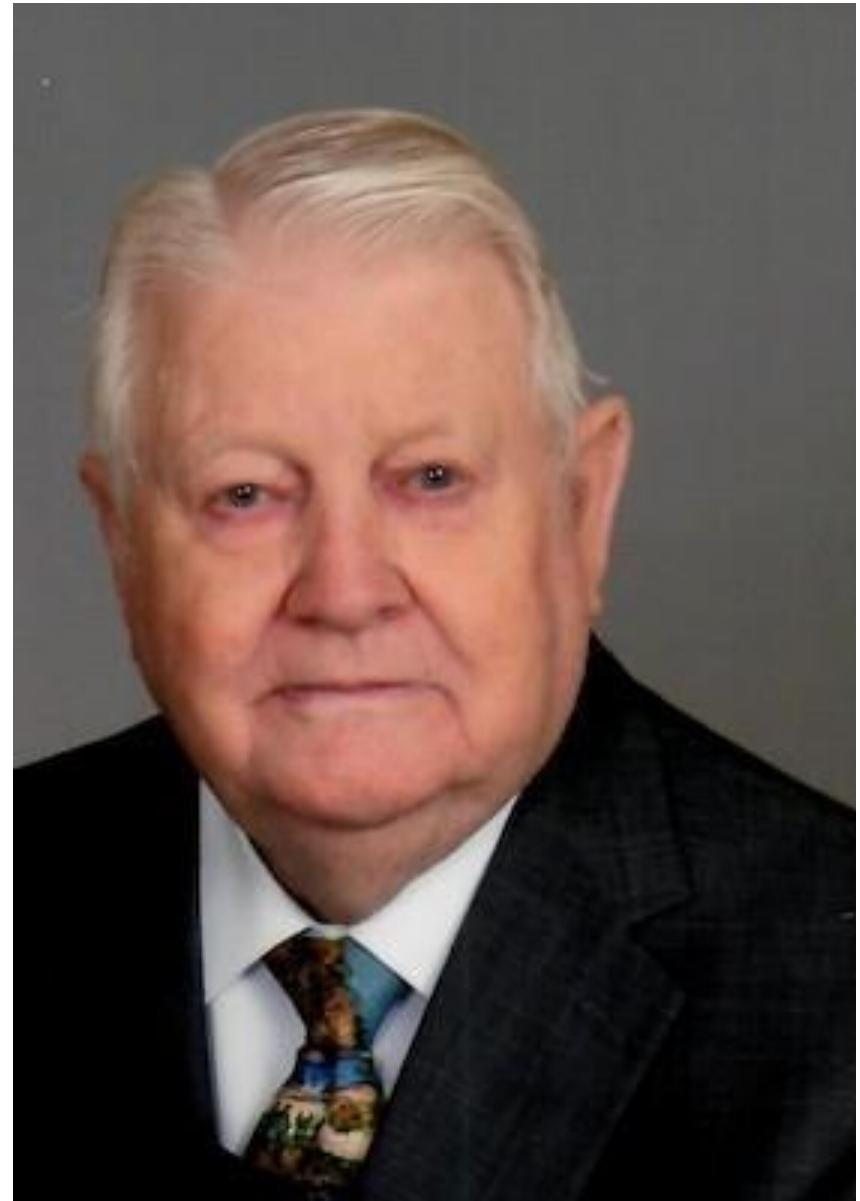
Organist: Ferree LeFevre

Interment will follow in Grindstone Hill Cemetery, Chambersburg

Harry "Nelson" Brechbill, 89, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania passed away June 4, 2021 at Chambersburg Hospital. He was born on March 28, 1932 in St. Thomas, Pennsylvania to David and Laura (Rotz) Brechbill. He retired from Landis Tool Company after 33 years, where he had been a machinist. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Chambersburg and sang in the church choir. He was a craftsman who enjoyed working in wood.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Joann Carolyn McKenzie Brechbill and their son, Michael E. (husband of Theresa) Brechbill of Williamsport, MD. He has two grandchildren, Jessica Brechbill of Jeannette, PA and Amanda Brechbill of Morrisville, NC. Nelson is also survived by a sister, Doris E. Pittman of St. Thomas, PA. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two sisters; Elva Dilling and Julia Wallsten and a brother, David Brechbill Jr.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday June 9, 2021 at 11:00AM at St. John's United Church of Christ, Chambersburg with Rev. Caroline E. Saxton officiating. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 6:00 till 8:00PM at the Kelso-Cornelius Funeral Home, Chambersburg and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow in Grindstone Hill Cemetery, Chambersburg. Online condolences may be expressed at www.kelsocorneliusfh.com.



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1932 - 2021