

The image features a dark blue background with white silhouettes of birds in flight. One bird is positioned on the left side, facing right, with its wings spread. Another bird is on the right side, facing left, also with wings spread. A third bird is at the top right, facing left. The text is centered and reads:

WHOEVER
LIVES AND
BELIEVES
IN ME
SHALL
NEVER
DIE

John 11

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
✠ Douglas J. Schuurman ✠
May 23, 1955—February 15, 2020

Saturday, June 26, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Boe Chapel, St. Olaf Campus
Northfield, Minnesota

*An asterisk * invites you to stand as you are able.*

Prelude

***Gathering**

- P** Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world.
We are gathered to worship,
to proclaim Christ crucified and risen,
to remember before God our brother Doug
to give thanks for his life,
to commend him to our merciful redeemer,
and to comfort one another in our grief.

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

- P** When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.
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 him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth,
who formed us from the dust of the earth,
who by your breath gave us life,
G **we glorify you.**
P Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life,
who suffered death for all humanity,

who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life,

C we praise you.

P Holy Spirit, author and giver of life,
the comforter of all who sorrow,
our sure confidence and everlasting hope,

C we worship you.

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

C Amen.

Musical Reflection

“Andante and Allegro”

J. Pepusch

*Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Doug. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Remembrances Anant Rambachan, Ed Santurri, Sarah Schuurman

Musical Reflection

“O Day Full of Grace”

Psalm 42 — *Ed Langerak and congregation read responsively.*

As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.

I thirst for God, for the living God;

when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my food day and night,

while all day long they say to me, “Where now is your God?”

I pour out my soul when I think on these things;

**how I went with the multitude and led them into the house
of God, with shouts of thanksgiving, among those keeping
festival.**

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so
disquieted within me?

**Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one
who is my help and my God.**

My soul is heavy within me;

**therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and
from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.**

One deep calls to another in the roar of your cascades;

all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

The LORD grants lovingkindness in the daytime;

**in the night season the LORD’s song is with me, a prayer to
the God of my life.**

Reading — 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

After the reading:

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Reading — Romans 8:22-28

After the reading:

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Homily — Rev. Bruce Benson

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

- P** God of mercy,
G hear our prayer.

At the conclusion:

- P** God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer**

- All** Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

***Commendation**

- P** Let us commend Doug to the mercy of God,
our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

- ☐ Into your hands, O merciful Savior ...
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
☑ Amen.

Musical Reflection

“Angel Dance”
Steve Amundson

*Benediction

- ☐ Let us go forth in peace,
☑ in the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

“Toccata”
G. Martini



*At the conclusion of the service,
the family will gather outside the chapel
to receive your greetings.*

*Following Doug's wishes,
an ash dispersion ceremony will be held on
Sunday, June 27 at the Baptism River near Tofte, Minnesota
for the immediate family and close friends.*

LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Officiants

Pastor Pam Fickenscher, Pastor Bruce Benson, Pastor Jonathan Davis

Organist

John Ferguson

Trumpet

Marty Hodel

Trio

Dan Kallman, Christine Kallman, Cindy Robinson

Piano

Marc Robinson

Reader

Ed Langerak

Arrangements

Benson & Langehough Funeral Home

Douglas Schuurman, age 64 of Northfield, passed away at home with his wife and family by his side, on Saturday, February 15, 2020.



Doug was born on May 23, 1955, in Paterson, NJ and lived most of his early life in Midland Park, NJ. He attended Eastern Christian Schools from kindergarten through high school. Doug and Kathy met in kindergarten and were friends throughout the years. They married on August 20, 1975 in Wyckoff, NJ and moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan so Doug could attend Calvin College, and later Calvin Theological Seminary.

For thirty four years, Schuurman was a distinguished teacher and scholar in the Religion Department at St. Olaf College. He received a B.A. in Philosophy at Calvin College, an M.Div at Calvin Seminary and Ph.D. in Theology and Ethics from the University of Chicago Divinity School. He joined the Religion Department at St. Olaf College in 1986 after teaching at Calvin College. At St. Olaf, he quickly became a mainstay in the teaching of courses in theology and ethics. His courses were wide-ranging: Biblical theology and history, Christian theology and topics in Christian ethics such as the ethics of Luther, love and justice, Christian hope, postmodernism, the ethics of vocation and liberation theology. Three of the courses especially became pillars of departmental offerings: The Bible and Ethics, Christian Theology and the Moral Life, and Love, Justice and Social Relations. He also taught in a number of interdisciplinary programs, including the Great Conversation and Science Conversation programs. He was loved by students, who were impressed by his intellectual substance and breadth and found endearing his friendly, kindly and compassionate manner.

Schuurman was also a leader in the development of three distinctive programs at the college. First, with Ed Langerak he developed the Ethical Issues and Normative Perspectives program, including leading annual workshops to prepare professors in other disciplines to teach the required general education ethics course. Second, Schuurman helped develop the Science Conversation program, served as founding director of the program, and taught in the program for a number of years. Third, he was a consultant to the Lilly grant that brought major funding to the college to launch a new program on Vocation. In 2003-04 he was the college's Lilly Vocational Scholar. In all of these activities, Schuurman was widely appreciated by St Olaf faculty and staff as a vibrant intellect, insightful leader and congenial, supportive colleague.

Schuurman's early scholarship focused on the theology of Brunner and Moltmann, culminating in his publication of *Creation, Eschaton and Ethics* (1991). In 1993 he co-authored an important book on gender and theology, *After Eden. Facing the Challenge of Gender Reconciliation*. Most significant was his scholarly work on the theme of vocation. In 2004 he published *Vocation: Discerning Our Callings in Life*. This book continues to have an important impact on public discussions of vocation in churches and colleges around the country. More generally, Schuurman lectured on the theme of vocation in a variety of settings, including several sets of lectures in South Africa. In recent years he expanded his work on vocation to consider contributions to the theme by other religious traditions and secular worldviews. With Kathleen Cahalan, Schuurman produced the book *Calling in Today's World: Voices from Eight Faith Perspectives* (2016). His work marked him as one of the country's preeminent Christian theologians reflecting on the meaning and possibility of vocation in the modern world.

Doug loved having long conversations with his children especially on holidays and on their annual family vacations; hiking on the north shore of Lake Superior; fishing in Canada and locally; and reading

science fiction and fantasy novels.

Doug is survived by his wife, Kathy; his daughters, Sarah Schuurman of Falls Church, Virginia, Krista (Paul) Marino of Falcon Heights, Laura (Ed) Rasmussen of Northfield; his grandson, Noah Clymer; two brothers, Henry of Edmonton, Alberta, Don (Shelley) of Grand Rapids, Michigan; two sisters, Carol (Gary) Ferencheck of Lansing, Michigan, Diane (Al) Nyland of Bradenton, Florida; two sisters-in-law, Beverly (Bill) Jeczalik of The Villages, Florida, Jane (Bob) Wieggers of Georgetown, Kentucky; nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Hester Schuurman.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to St. Johns Lutheran Church, Northfield; Northfield Community Action Center; St. Olaf College; or a charity of your choice.

"O Day Full of Grace"

Christoph E.F. Weyse, arr. F. Melius Christiansen

O day full of grace which we behold,
Now gently to view ascending,
Thou over the earth thy reign unfold,
Good cheer to all mortals lending,
That children of light in every clime
May prove that the night is ending.

How blest was that gracious midnight hour,
When God in our flesh was given;
Then flushed the dawn with light and power,
That spread o'er the darkened heaven;
Then rose o'er the world that sun divine
Which gloom from our hearts hath driven.

Yea, were every tree endowed with speech,
And every leaflet singing,
They never with praise God's worth could reach,
Though earth with their praise be ringing.
Who fully could praise the light of life
Who light to our souls is bringing?

With joy we depart for the promised land,
And there we shall walk in endless light.

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Charles Wesley, arr. Daniel Kallman

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise!