

**A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP
IN WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS
AND IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF**

PHILLIP L. DASHLER



**WHO RECEIVED THE GIFT OF EARTHLY LIFE ON DECEMBER 1, 1954
AND THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE ON JANUARY 10, 2023**

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
900 W. WHITE RIVER BLVD.
MUNCIE, IN 47303
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023**

Prelude

Announcements

Rendering of Military Honors by the Delaware County Honor Guard

***Invocation:**

Pastor (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 Phillip Dashler, 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.

Congregation (C): Amen.

***Prayer of the Holy Trinity:**

P Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

C 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, we praise you.

C We praise you.

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

C We worship you.

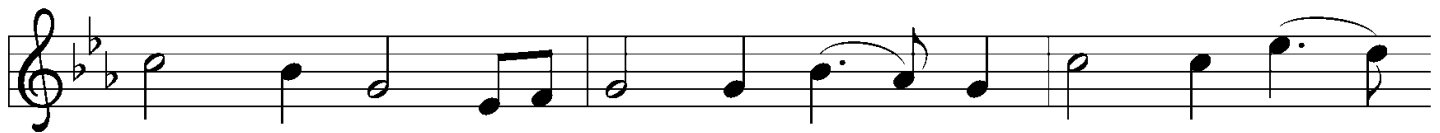
P To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

C Amen.

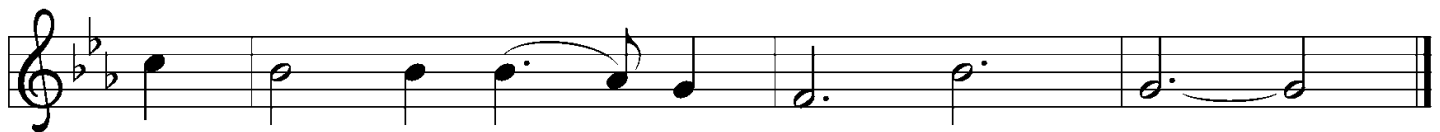




1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

***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:**

All O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Phil. 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. Amen

Remembrances:

Todd Merickel

Special Music: "Friend of Sinners" by Flynnville Train

Tag Grunden

Daughters: Lauren Bradshaw, Megan Dashler, Brianna Dashler, Karli Byerly

Special Music: "For My Daughter" by Kane Brown (Dedicated to her Papa by Brianna)

Scripture Readings:

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: "Shepherd Me, O God" (Psalm 23) ELW 780

The pastor first sings the refrain, then the assembly joins in it. The pastor sings the verses, and the assembly responds with the refrain.

Refrain:

The musical notation for the refrain is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from death in - to life. life." Above the first measure, the word "All" is written. Above the final measure, there are two boxes: "to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5" and "to stanza 4".

Verses:

- 1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*
- 2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain*
- 3 Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*
- 4 You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain*
- 5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23:

Music: Marty Haugen

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Second Reading: Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand...

P The holy gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel Reading:** John 13:31-35

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pr. Jerry O'Neal





1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

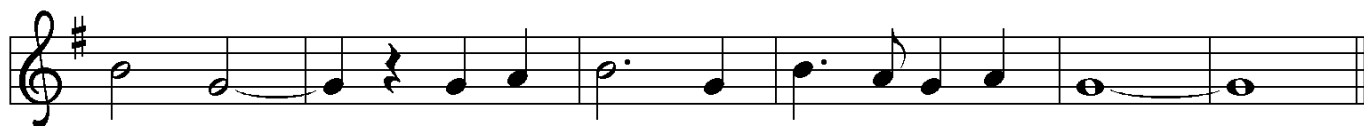
Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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***Apostles' Creed:**

P&C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

***The Prayers:**

(After each petition ending "God of mercy," the Congregation Responds: "Hear our prayer." At the end of the prayers, "now and forever" is followed by the Congregation Response: "Amen.")

***The Lord's Prayer:**

All Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Special Music: "Lead Me Home" by Jamey Johnson

***Prayer of Commendation:**

P Let us commend Phil to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

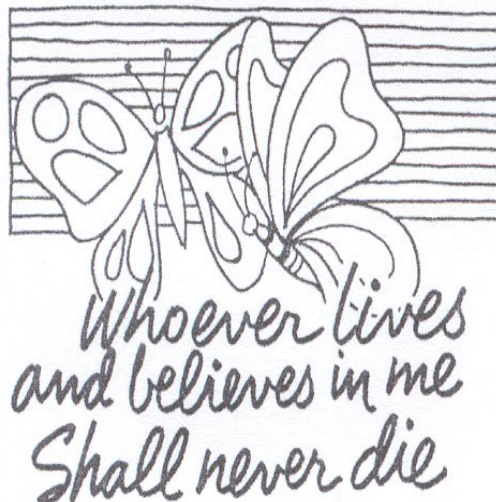
Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Phil. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

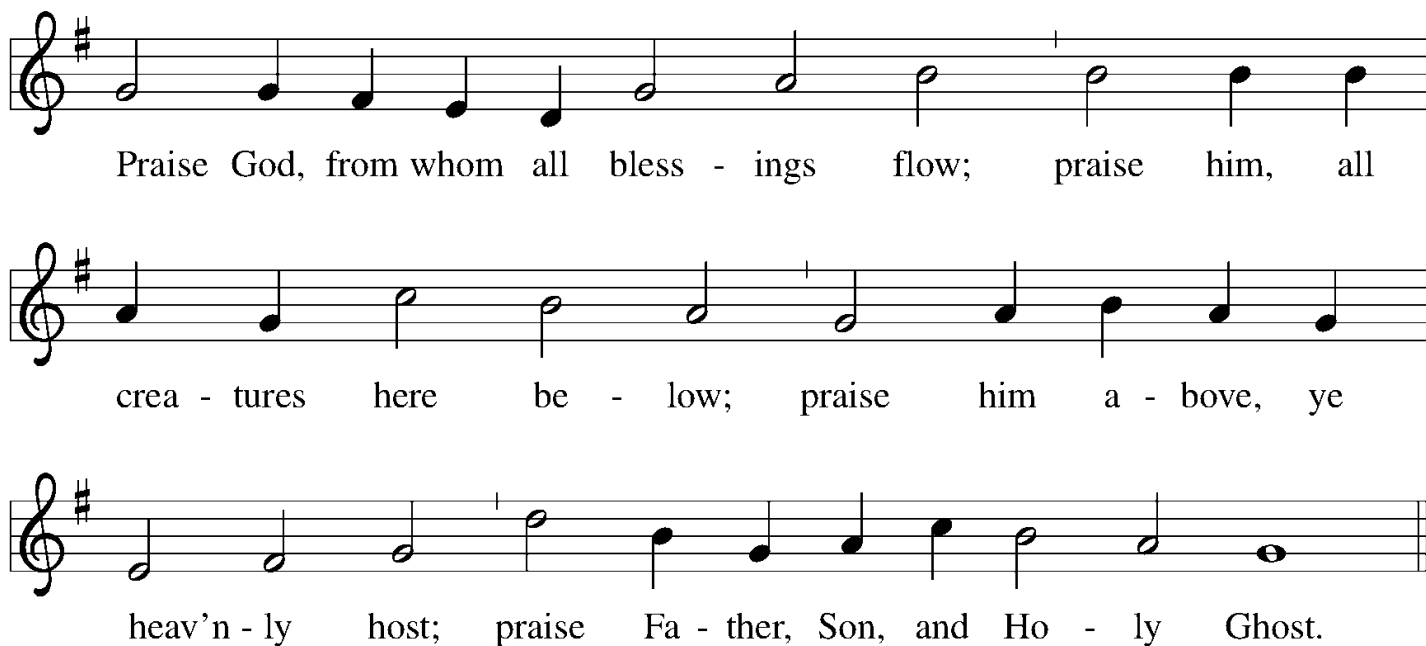
C **Amen.**

***Benediction:**

P "Barocha" - Michael Card

C **Amen.**

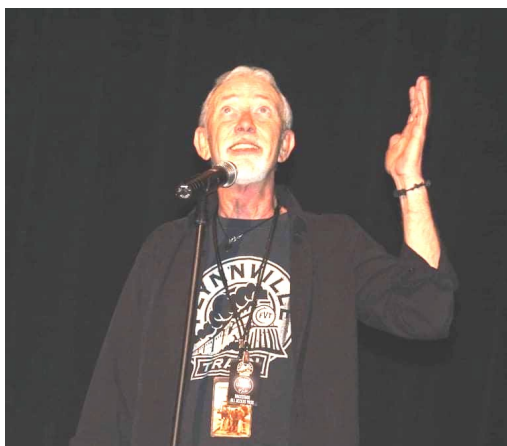




Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561



***Dismissal:**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

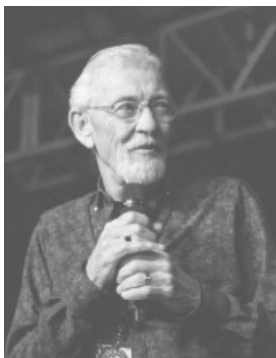
Postlude

Officiant: Pastor Jerry O'Neal

HTLC Organist: Karen Huff

Sound/Video: Jari Knowlton-Simard and Becki Bergs

Lector: Chaplain Michael Osborne



Phillip L. Dashler, who spent many years working in this area as a popular radio deejay, has passed away at his residence, January 10, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He was 68.

Born December 1, 1954, in Anderson, he was the son of Robert L. and Marilyn (Crosley) Dashler. In a nutshell, he was a graduate of Highland High School, served as a Security Policeman in the U.S. Air Force, both here and in Turkey, then spent 32 years in country, rock, Top 40, oldies, and talk radio. After retiring from radio, he worked as the Commercial Sales Manager for Battery Masters and ran sound and video for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, where he was a member. He was also a member of American Legion Post 321 and Amvets Post 12.

To expand on all that, Dash of “The Dashman” as he was also known, worked for radio stations including WLBC, WAXT, WHBU, WERK, WMDH, WXXP, and WWWO. His radio career was practically a foregone conclusion. At age 8 or 9, he established a fake radio station on his father’s basement workbench, his 45 rpm records hanging neatly from pegs on a pegboard. Then The Beatles released their first LP, and there was no question Dash was bound for the music biz. This afforded him a wealth of cool experiences over the years, including introducing artists like Willie Nelson, Mel Tillis, Pam Tillis, and Lorrie Morgan at sold-out concerts. A major George Jones fan, he also introduced that legendary singer known as The Possum, at his Emens Auditorium concert shortly before Jones died. In addition, Dash was a regular associate of local band Flynnville Train before it was signed to country star Toby Keith’s label and its popularity skyrocketed. He served as the band’s emcee and took pride in being the first one to play their music on the radio. In addition, Dash was named 1996’s Deejay of the Year for the Country Music Association of Indiana.

In his career, he met some of the nicest people you’d ever want to meet who were country stars. He also met some legends, that, surprisingly, weren’t all that nice. In staging shows, Dash became intimately familiar with the contract “riders” many stars insisted be agreed to before they’d perform. Growing frustrated with one popular country vocal group’s demands, after supplying them with pizzas and numerous other extras, he finally drew the line at filling their expansive fried chicken order. Noting they were getting \$20,000 for the show, he finally wrote on their rider, “For \$20,000, you can buy your own chicken!” For the record, there may have been another unprintable adjective near the end of that sentence.

Such hassles notwithstanding, in reflecting on his radio career, he considered himself blessed, noting that through the wonders of modern communications he had heard from listeners as far away as Afghanistan and even Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam. “I look back on my life and there’s not a thing I regret,” he said.

Chief among the things he was happy about, however, was finding his wife and soulmate, Kristen K. Dashler. Noting they were together for 25 years, and married for 14, he always said he knew as soon as they met she was “the one,” his sole complaint being, “I just wish she appreciated my jokes.” In latter years, they acquired a pontoon boat and spent wonderful hours floating on Prairie Creek Lake with friends, their grandkids, or just by themselves.

By the way, along with having been a successful radio guy, ecstatic husband to Kristen, and happy boater, there was one other thing Dash wanted those he left behind to know about him. He considered himself a connoisseur of tequila. Given that, if you are ever walking through a cemetery looking for his tombstone, look for the inscription, “You don’t need that lime!”

Besides his wife Kristen, survivors include a brother, Ron Dashler; a sister, Robin Porta; five children, Lauren (Ricky) Bradshaw, Megan (John) Dashler, Brianna Dashler, Karli Byerly, and Ian (Bailey) Stevens; eleven grandchildren, Amaya, Zane, Brayden, Grayson, Eden, Milo, Finley, and Lennon Bradshaw, Oscar Campbell, Zayden Montague, and Colton Stevens; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A friendly, personable man, Dash died at the end of a life well-lived, and something of a miraculous life, too, noting he had been sent home from the hospital to die six years earlier when his COPD seemed at its worst. Those six years had colored his thinking, “I just want people to be happy,” he said, which reads like a fine eulogy. “I’ve tried to remove the word ‘hate’ from my vocabulary.”

Funeral Services will be held at 4:30 pm Friday, January 20, 2023 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 900 W. White River Blvd., Muncie. Members of the Delaware County Veterans Honor Guard will salute his military service with the “volley of three” rifle fire and playing of “Taps”, just as they did when Dashler served as an honor guard volunteer himself. He never tired of hearing “Taps”. A reception will follow the funeral service at the Yorktown American Legion, 2110 S. Broadway, in Yorktown.

Family and friends may call at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, on Friday, January 20, 2023 from 3:00 pm until service time at 4:30 pm.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.