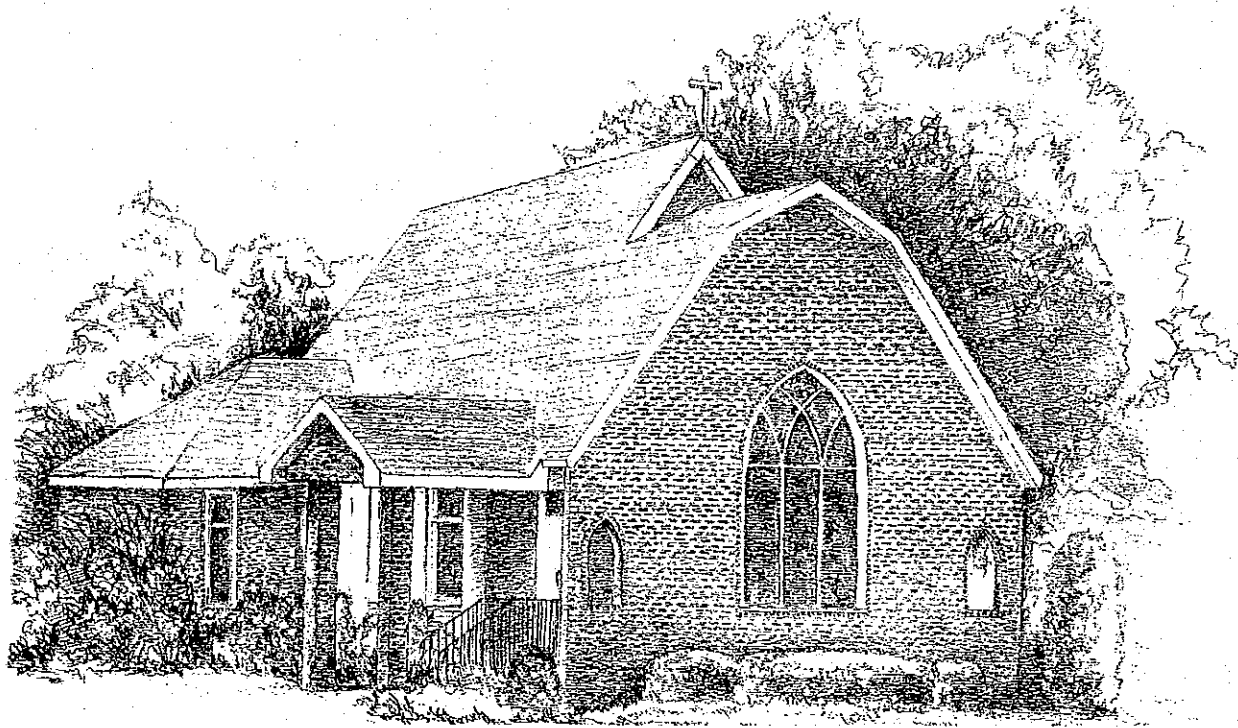


*St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Live Oak, Florida*



Wayne Edwards

James Glenn Weaver

November 09, 1950 – October 22, 2022

James Glenn Weaver

(Jim)

Jim was born on November 9, 1950 in Lansing Michigan. His parents relocated to Florida in the 1960's where Jim attended school. He graduated from Boone high school, Florida Technological University (now University of Central Florida) with a BS, and Rollins College with an MS. Jim felt the calling to serve his fellow man and joined the Orlando Police Department on 12-8-73 as a patrolman. On 12-10-98 after rising through the ranks he retired as a Deputy Chief. He then spent several years as the Assistant Director at Valencia Community College Criminal Justice institute. Jim's greatest achievement though, was when after he graduated from Seminary (2011) with a Doctorate in Philosophy in Biblical Studies, he was ordained as a Christian Minister (2013).

He launched "Water into Wine Ministries" on Facebook. Using the motto "Traversing life's hills and valleys armed with faith and inspiration", he wrote vignettes of life coupled with the Lord's teachings.

Jim will forever be missed by his wife Karin, daughters Jessica, Lisa, Stephanie and son Ben, brother Ray, sister Becky, and his fur-babies Miss Demeanor Peanut, Wookie, and Micah

All stand while the following anthems are said.

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.

And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Hymn – *It is Well with My Soul (v 1&4)*

It Is Well with My Soul (v 1&4)

VILLE DU HAVRE

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

Philip P. Bliss, 1876

1. When peace, like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled

sea - bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to
back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." It is well
scend, "E - ven so" - It is well with my soul. It is

— with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.
well with my soul,

The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Kneeling, silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says the following Collects

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother, Jim. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate to eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Jim's family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The people sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom 3:1-5,9

Eric Potts

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because

God tested them and found them worthy of himself; Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect. The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 27:1, 4, 5 *Responsive*

Leon Singletary

The LORD is my light and my salvation; *whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; *of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the LORD, *that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the LORD, *all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the LORD, *and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter *in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; *he will set me high on a rock.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

A reading from Revelation 21:2-7

Pastor Richard Mays-Retired

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23 *King James Version*

Mike Gallager

1 The LORD is my shepherd; * *I shall not want.*

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; * *he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

3 He restoreth my soul; * *he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.*

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; * *for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.*

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

** thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days Of my life,
** and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #671(1-3)

Amazing Grace

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon or Minister appointed reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14:1-6

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

People may sit

Homily: The Rev. Cn. Don Woodrum

The Apostles' Creed is then said, all standing.

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

For our Brother Jim, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Jim, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept. The Celebrant concludes

Father of all, we pray to you for Jim, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Speaker

Thomas D. Hurlburt- Chief of Police (Retired)

Holy Communion - The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to

evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty

Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

***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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.***

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People *(All Baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive the Holy Sacraments of Bread and Wine)*

Communion Music

You Raise me Up

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *Celebrant and People (Kneeling)*

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Commendation *(Standing)*

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

People ***where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.***

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave

we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People *Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Jim. 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. *Amen.*

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Recessional Music

Hallelujah (Cohen)

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are

parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

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FAITH FLOATS ALONG (# 17)

“DON'T BE AFRAID TO DIE”

He said, “I’m afraid to die. Can you help me?”

“Well first off, know that I am not a counselor. But I can refer you to several Good Christian counselors who can help you. I don’t give advice, but I do have a couple of opinions I’d like to share.

1. My God is a God of grace. It is a gift. His grace has saved me from the price of sin.
2. My God is a God of forgiveness. He waits to forgive, if we only repent and ask.
3. God loved us so much that He sent his only begotten Son to die on the cross for our sins and offer us everlasting life.

Why are you afraid to die? Death is not a demotion, it is a promotion! An eternity in the presence of Jesus. A Christian should never be afraid.

“And after you have suffered a little while [in this life], the God of grace, who has called you into His eternity will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.” [1Peter 5:10].

[Readership was down somewhat last week. I suspect for one or two reasons: Either some of my faithful were out in the woods, or they disagreed with Friday’s column. Either way, I will continue to write as inspired.]

Building the Kingdom and blessings, Brother Jim

3/8/22