

A serene sunset scene over a body of water. In the center, two people are silhouetted against the golden light of the setting sun. One person stands in a small boat, holding a fishing rod that extends across the water. The other person sits in the boat, also holding a fishing rod. The background shows a soft, hazy glow from the sun, with dark silhouettes of trees on the far shore. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

*In My Father's house are  
many mansions...I go  
to prepare a place for you.*

*John 14:2*

# SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE

February 16, 2024

In Loving Memory of

**Kevin James McInaney**

A Christian memorial service is a worship celebration. Although there is sadness because we no longer have our loved one with us, we meet here to celebrate the joy of victory for Kevin James McInaney and for ourselves as we believe that Jesus Christ has died for us and was raised back to life. We worship together.

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## VICTORY CELEBRATION

Do you not know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were, therefore, buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we, too, may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. (*Romans 6:3-5*)

*(One of Kevin's favorite Scripture passages)*

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." (*James 3:13-18 ESV*)

## PRELUDE

## SOLO

### **“Go Rest High On That Mountain”**

By: Vince Gill

Maureen McInaney Jones, *solo*

## WELCOME

## HYMN

### **The Old Rugged Cross”**

On a hill far away  
Stood an old rugged cross;  
The emblem of suffering and shame.  
And I love that old cross  
Where the dearest and best,  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

#### **Chorus**

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

Oh, that old rugged cross,  
So despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God,  
Left His glory above,  
To bear it to dark Calvary. **(chorus)**

In the old rugged cross,  
Stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross,  
Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me. **(chorus)**

## INVOCATION

**P** We gather here today to receive and to share with each other the comfort and strength of our Lord.

**C** **In His Word is both life and hope which is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**P** In You, O Lord, do we trust. Be with us this day as we need and seek Your guidance and direction in grief and sorrow.

**C** **In You, O Lord, do we trust. And so, we make our beginning in the name of the Father Who created us, the Son Who redeemed both body and soul, and the Holy Spirit Who made this earthly body the temple of our Lord. Amen.**

**P** O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today, Kevin, our brother in Christ. We thank You for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion here on earth. In Your unlimited compassion, console us who mourn. Enable us, Lord, to be able to see in death the gate to eternal life and that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by Your call, we are reunited with Kevin and those who have gone before us; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God the Father Who loved us, and by His grace gave us eternal life, strengthen you in every good deed and word. Amen. (2 *Thessalonians 2:16–17*)

## OLD TESTAMENT *(Keilynne)*

## Psalm 23 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**SONG** – “My Peace” (*Keilynn, KaiLeah*)

**EPISTLE** (*Tyler*)

**Romans 8:35-39 (ESV)**

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, “For Your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> 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.

**GOSPEL PROMISE**

**John 14:1–6 (ESV)**

[Jesus said,] <sup>1</sup>“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup>In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

## HYMN OF HOPE

### **“How Great Thou Art”**

O Lord, my God,  
When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made;  
I see the stars,  
I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow’r thru’out  
The universe displayed.

### **(Refrain)**

**Then sings my soul,  
My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art!**

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And when I think That God,  
His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die,  
I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross  
My burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin. **(refrain)**

When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home,  
What joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration,  
And there proclaim,  
“My God, how great Thou art!” **(refrain)**

## PRAYER

**P** O God, our Father in Heaven:

**C** **Have Mercy.**

**P** O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

**C** **Have Mercy.**

**P** O God the Holy Spirit, our Counselor:

**C** **Grant us Your peace.**

**P** O, how glorious is that Kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ.

**C** **They are clothed with white robes and follow the Lamb wherever He goes.**

**P** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**C** **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**P** Loving and merciful God, if it were not for the promise of the resurrection and life eternal, we could not endure the sorrow which has come upon this gathering. Only the assurance of Your continual presence enables us to carry on during these times. Lord, do not let these loved ones mourn as those who have no hope. Comfort them day after day with the precious promise of Your Word. Give them grace to come to You and to find rest for their souls.

Merciful God, You have appointed us to endure trouble and sorrow with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into glory. Enable us to be strong in faith to the end and to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come. We pray through Jesus. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## THE COMMENDATION

**P** Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Kevin James McInaney. We humbly ask, Lord, that You acknowledge him as a sheep of Your fold, a lamb of Your flock, and a sinner whom You have redeemed. Receive him into Your merciful arms, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in Heaven.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*(Elderly Simeon spoke the following words when Baby Jesus was presented to him in the temple.)*

Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss Your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel.

*Luke 2:29-32*

May God enable you to see Jesus as your salvation. In the name of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## CLOSING SONG

### “On Eagles’ Wings”

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge, My Rock in Whom I trust."

**(Refrain)**

**And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His Wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. **(Refrain)**

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. **(Refrain)**

For to His angels He's given a command,  
to guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. **(Refrain)**

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***Please follow the family as they depart the sanctuary,  
for a meal and time of fellowship in our Community Room  
following the service.***

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# CHRISTIAN OBITUARY

## Kevin James McInaney

March 21, 1958 – January 29, 2024



At age 65.9 Kevin James McInaney, ‘KJ’ was able to run into the arms of Jesus no longer a victim of ALS. After suffering 16 months, he took his last breath on the early morning of January 29, 2024, no longer impacted by any of his medical issues.

Kevin was born to the late Jim and Michele McInaney in Palo Alto, California on March 21, 1958 and is the eldest of four children; Steve McInaney of Georgia, Maureen (Eric) Jones of California, and Kristin McInaney-Fetcher (Jimmy) of Washington.

Kevin truly loved the Lord and was willing and able to share the great news with

everyone. He felt blessed with his family and loved them dearly. Of course, fishing can’t be ignored. If asked to go fishing, the answer was always yes! followed with a huge smile that spread across his face.

During his membership at Ascension, Kevin was actively involved in several ministries including mission trips, a children’s ministry entitled “Rainbow Round-Up” (a Latino families programs every Friday night for over 10 years) and every summer a weeklong clinic known as Sporting, Soaring, and Scoring Soccer Clinic – in which the idea originated.

Along with his devotion to our Lord he overcame alcoholism and ongoing mental health issues. Because of his love for Jesus his commitment to recovery was never-ending. KJ attended the University of Oregon before transferring and graduating from San Jose State University with a BS in finance. KJ used his skills throughout his professional life that included numerous management positions. His last being a supervisor with Standard Parking in Portland, Oregon.

On November 7, 1987, Kevin married the love of his life, Mercedes A. López, in Fremont, California at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and lived in Redwood City, CA and Brisbane, CA before moving to Portland, Oregon in January 1992. Their union included two children, Matthias J. McInaney and Keilah J. Woods (McInaney.) He was “papa” to his three grandchildren, Keilynn J. Woods, (age 10) KaiLeah J. Woods (age 7) and Gabriel TJ Woods (age 5). Outside of immediate family, he was fondly known as “Uncle Kevin” and he leaves behind 3 nieces and 2 nephews.

His deep roaring laughter with his grandchildren will be missed along with his many phone calls. When you listen to country music, think of Kevin’s extreme out-of-tune singing because that was the one past time KJ thoroughly enjoyed.