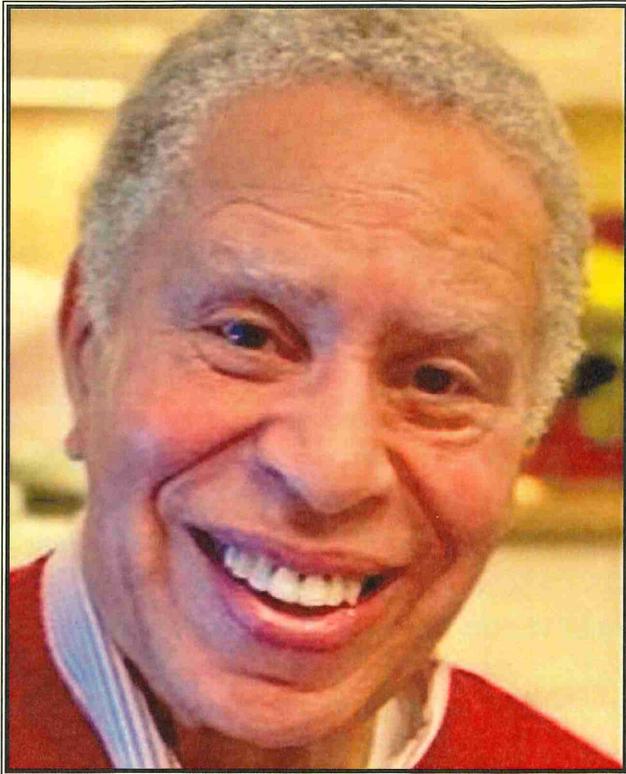


SERVICE OF WORSHIP
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
MERVIN DANIEL WINSTON



JUNE 14, 1941 - DECEMBER 15, 2024

Wayzata Community Church
Wakefield Chapel
Friday, December 27 - 12:00

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*ENTRANCE OF THE FAMILY

*LITANY OF INVOCATION

One: Spirit of love and compassion, hear us now as we open ourselves to your presence in this place.

All: Heal our wounded hearts made heavy with sorrow.

One: We gather as family and friends with many memories, conscious of others who have died before this time and conscious of the frailty of our own existence.

All: We are here to support one another and to share a word of hope and healing and to celebrate the life of Mervin Winston.

One: We are free to mourn our loss, but also to remember and give thanks for Mervin's life among us.

All: In the spirit of love, we remember Mervin and his part in each of our lives.

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dan Stark

*indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit

OPENING MUSIC

Amazing Grace
Tonia Hughes

Newton

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.

All: Know that the Lord is God.

**It is God that made us, and we are his;
we are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and the courts with praise.

Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

All: For the Lord is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness is to all generations.**

REFLECTIONS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Goodness of God
Tonia Hughes

Bethel Church

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-3, 27
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

MESSAGE

Rev. Dan Stark

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Selah

Tonia Hughes and Autumn Toussaint

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

One: At the rising of the sun and at its going down,

All: We remember Mervin.

One: At the blowing of the wind and chill of winter,

All: We remember Mervin.

One: At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

All: We remember Mervin.

One: At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth
of summer,

All: We remember Mervin.

One: At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty
of autumn,

All: We remember Mervin.

One: As long as we live, Mervin too will live,

All: For he is now a part of us, as we remember him.

One: When we are weary and in need of strength,

All: We remember Mervin.

One: When we are lost and sick at heart,

All: We remember Mervin.

One: When we have joy we crave to share,

All: We remember Mervin.

One: When we have decisions that are difficult to make,

All: We remember Mervin.

One: When we have achievements that are based on his,

All: We remember Mervin.

One: As long as we live, Mervin too will live,

All: For he is now a part of us, as we remember him.

Amen

*CLOSING HYMN

On Eagle's Wings

Joncas

Congregation please will join on 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.

COMMENDATION and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



THE FAMILY OF MERVIN WINSTON

preceded in death by
his mother, Ethel Goodman, father, Thomas Winston,
and brothers, Robert Goodman and Thorla Winston

Survived by

Wife: Gerri Winston

Sons: Mark (Francine)

Michael (April Podhradsky)

Matthew (Christine)

Grandchildren: Morgan and Lauren

Jada, Ella and Owen

Chloe, Camille and Christopher

Brothers: Terry (Sandra) Winston

Thaddeus Winston

Tristan (Vanessa) Winston

Sisters: Tanya (Henry) Davis

Tami (Vaughn Bass) Winston

Erlyne Johnson

Sister-in-law: Joyce (Leon)Newman

and a host of nieces and nephews

PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dan Stark

Associate Minister, Wayzata Community Church

Musicians:

Autumn Toussaint

Wayzata Community Church

Tonia Hughes

