



AS WE GATHER

For the Christian, death is not the last word. Love incarnate is stronger than death (John 11:25). Christ's death and resurrection proclaim that victory belongs to life. Jesus calls His disciples to follow Him through death to life. Aaron was a follower of Jesus. Today we place our hope and trust that Aaron has followed Jesus completely through death to life.

† GOD IS MERCIFUL †

AARON JAMES STOLL

AUGUST 25, 1986 TO JANUARY 7, 2017

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

CALLING ON GOD

PSALM 121

Pastor:	I look up toward the mountains. Where can I find help?
People:	My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
Pastor:	He will not let you fall. Your guardian will not fall asleep.
People:	Indeed, the Guardian of Israel never rests or sleeps.
Pastor:	The Lord is your guardian. The Lord is the shade over your right hand.
People:	The sun will not beat down on you during the day, nor will the moon at night.
Pastor:	The Lord guards you from every evil. He guards your life.
People:	The Lord guards you as you come and go, now and forever.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, You are the Refuge of all that are distressed: give to each of us hope and comfort as we gather to mourn Aaron's passing. Teach us to run to You to find comfort in the knowledge of Your loving-kindness and tender mercy. Teach us also that by being sheltered by You, the storms of life may pass over us, and not shake the peace of God that is within us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE**PSALM 91**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴ He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

⁸ You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.

⁹ Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

¹² On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

- ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- ¹⁴ "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.
- ¹⁵ When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
- ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation."

SCRIPTURE

Lamentations 3:21-25

- ²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
- ²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
- ²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
- ²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
- ²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.

SONG OF COMFORT

Blessed Assurance

By Third Day

GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-6

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

AARON'S LIFE IN WORDS

Aaron James Stoll passed away on Jan. 7, 2017 in Philomath.

He was born in Oakland, California on Aug. 25, 1986. As a child he lived in Florida, Alabama, Washington, and Oregon, thoroughly enjoying the natural world in each of these places.

Aaron loved unusual plants, nature, animals, collecting old coins and old books. His favorite activity was going on long hikes with the family dog. He was happiest in nature and one of his favorite places to visit was Jedediah Smith State Park in northern California where he could bask in the magnitude of the giant redwoods.

He is missed dearly by his mother Denise Guinn; brother Justin Stoll; sister Rachel Nix; grandmother Marjorie Guinn; as well as his aunts and cousins.

WORDS OF COMFORT

Pastor Lucke

PRAYER

Pastor: Receive our thanks for Aaron and for all the blessings You gave him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence 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, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

By Selah

POSTLUDE

