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Mission Statement:

The Mission of Dilworth United Methodist is to be a **community** where **Disciples of Jesus Christ** are made through **grounding** people in **worship, fellowship, study and service** so that in how they **love others**, Jesus is **known and experienced**

A SERVICE OF DEATH & RESURRECTION
Celebrating the Life of
Vernon Lee Faircloth, Sr.
February 1, 2005

GATHERING

PRELUDE "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ENTRANCE

THE WORD OF GRACE

GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you.

(Silence to name those dear to us.)

Especially we praise you for *Vernon Lee Faircloth, Sr.* whom you have graciously received into your presence. To all of these, grant your peace. Let perpetual light shine upon them; and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our years, and bring us at last with them into the joy of your home not made with hands but eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN "How Great Thou Art" HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. 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 power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

3. 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;
4. 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!

PROCLAMATION

HEBREW TESTAMENT LESSONS

Psalm 71 (selected Verses)

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

He restoreth my soul:

**He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
For his name's sake.**

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.

Thou preparest a table before me

In the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil;

My cup runneth over.

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.

SOLO "In the Garden"

GARDEN

Mr. Don Sanders, Soloist

CHRISTIAN TESTAMENT LESSONS

John 14 (selected verses)

Romans 8 (selected verses)

HOMILY "The Pill Man"

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COMMENDATION

PRAYERS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mr. Don Sanders, Soloist

SENDING FORTH

HYMN "Amazing Grace" AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures, he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil, a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE: "For All the Saints"

The family will be greeting people who aren't going to Lee & Jane Faircloth's for lunch.



Vernon Lee Faircloth, Sr.

Vernon Faircloth, loving and cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend passed away peacefully, after a brief illness, on Saturday, January 29, 2005. He will be dearly missed by many.

Mr. Faircloth, 85, was born in Andrews, South Carolina. A 1942 graduate of The Citadel, he served as a pilot in the US Marine Corps and as a flight instructor for pilots during World War II. In 1943, he married Nella Rae Faddy, his wife of 61 years. After the war, he attended and graduated from pharmacy school at the University of South Carolina. Mr. Faircloth was a pharmacist in Charlotte for 47 years, providing expert advice and a friendly smile to everyone he served. He was an active and faithful member of Dilworth United Methodist Church for 53 years, an avid gardener, a fun traveler, devoted family member, and lover of life. His encouraging and generous spirit was a great gift to our world.

Survivors include his wife, Nell Faircloth, and his children and their families; son, Vernon Lee Faircloth, Jr. and wife, Jane Glenn Faircloth; daughter, Jane Adele Machado and husband, John Patrick Machado; grandchildren, Justin Dylan Faircloth and wife, Sarah Crawford Faircloth, Ellen Leigh Faircloth, Matthew Austin Faircloth, Samuel Glenn Faircloth, Daniel Lee Myles and Jonathan Brophy Myles; and great-grandchildren Savannah Jane Faircloth and Oliver James Faircloth.

A memorial service to celebrate Mr. Faircloth's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at Harry and Bryant Company, 500 Providence Rd. Mr. Faircloth will be laid to rest in Andrews, South Carolina on Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 36507, Charlotte, NC 28236.

Harry & Bryant Co. is serving the family of Mr. Faircloth. ☞