The Glaser family thanks you for the gift of your presence today and for every expression of kindness. Following the service, the family cordially invites you to join them in the Christian Education Building for a time of fellowship and refreshments prepared by the Presbyterian Women of Northwood and the Kitchen Krew.

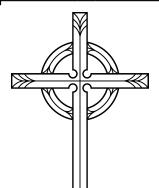
In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to one of the following:

Humane Society of Pinellas: Home - Humane Society of Pinellas Greater Tampa Bay Blue Star Mothers: Grea - Home (gtbbluestarmothers.com)

Forgotten Soldiers Outreach: Forgotten Soldiers Outreach – Non-Profit shipping encouragement to USA Military Servicemen and Women.

Children's Bicycle Donation:
Donate a children's bicycle in honor of David to the Clearwater Police
Department or to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

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# A Witness to the Resurrection



To the Glory of God & In Loving Memory of

# **David Michael Glaser**

September 18, 1952- June 20, 2021

**Northwood Presbyterian Church** 

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# In Gratitude to God for the Gift of Life of David Michael Glaser

Friday, July 2, 2021 11:00 A.M.

**PRELUDE** 

Linda Pointer, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**INVOCATION** 

\*HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Psalm 100

Psalm 23 (Unison)

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.

#### TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

SOLO

### "The Lord's Prayer" Michele White, Soloist

MALOTTE

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 debts, As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS Luke 10:25-37; John 14:1-3, 27

**MEDITATION** 

PASTORAL PRAYER

SOLO "Amazing Grace"

Dr. Pat Snair, Bagpipes

\*HYMN "Amazing Grace"

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.

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.

\*BENEDICTION

\*RECESSIONAL

"Going Home"

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(Please remain in the pews while the family is escorted from the Sanctuary.)

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In the midst of following his adoration for accounting, he found time to socialize in his downtime from his work and meet his life's truest love, Sue (Frederick) Glaser. David and Sue met in 1978; there was no way for them to 'hideaway from the love and connection they both felt and so, they married on March 8, 1979. David and Sue lived together in Osceola, on the St. Joe River and when they discovered that their family would begin growing, so did their ability to work together on home projects and do-it-yourself remodeling. David loved home projects and keeping busy, there normally wasn't a project too big for him to complete, especially with Sue by his side. David and Sue worked on their next big project together, beginning in 1980, the task of raising three daughters together.

In the summer of 1988, David's career moved him and his 'Glaser Girls' out of Indiana and down to Vero Beach, Florida when he 'landed' a job as the CFO of Piper Aircraft. Not long after the move to Florida, David discovered a new hobby that he not only enjoyed, but also thrilled him, cycling. David became an avid cyclist after moving to Vero Beach, joining a 'pack' of other cyclists and discovering a need for speed. He began signing up for and entering races and rides through the cycling groups that he discovered. One of David's favorite annual races not only became one his favorite places to ride but also to visit with his family, Mount Dora. The challenge, the hills, the excitement were all something that he looked forward to each year that he participated. In 1994, he had the opportunity to ride the Inaugural Disney Tour Fun Ride in which he cycled

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David loved his family and not a day went by that he wasn't working hard to set a good example, instill core work values and provide for his family and his wife Sue. Even though David and his family moved out of Indiana, he traveled with his family back to South Bend every summer. These trips and memories that were made in the summertime with Sue and their 'three M's' were some of his favorite times. Spending time with his best friends and their families, making new memories with his family, and enjoying their free time during these trips were some of the best times in David's life. Road trips to Indiana with Sue were always on the top of the list when it came to David's most memorable and enjoyable times. Spending quality time with Sue and his family was David's favorite way to spend his spare time; frequently being surrounded by their love and laughter was his preferred way to spend his free time.

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