

*A Service of Death and Resurrection for  
Lorraine Ellison Duncan and William Edward Duncan  
Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12:00 noon  
Lincolnia United Methodist Church  
6335 Little River Turnpike  
Alexandria, VA 22312*



*May Their Soul Rest in Perfect Peace*

**Entrance:** (Please Stand) (Worship Leader)

**Prelude:** "Here I Am, Lord" # 593 (Organ Music)

**Gathering:** (Worship Leader)

**Greeting:** (Worship Leader)

**Words of Grace:** (Pastor)

**Hymn:** "Lord of the Dance" #261

I danced in the morning  
When the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon  
And the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven  
And I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

**[Chorus]**

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he  
I danced for the scribe  
And the pharisee,  
But they would not dance  
And they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen,  
For James and John  
They came with me  
And the Dance went on.

**[Chorus]**

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he  
I danced on the Sabbath  
And I cured the lame;  
The holy people  
Said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
And they hung me on high,  
And they left me there  
On a Cross to die.

**[Chorus]**

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he  
I danced on a Friday  
when the sky turned black  
It's hard to dance  
With the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
And they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the Dance,  
And I still go on.

**[Chorus]**

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he  
They cut me down  
And I leapt up high;  
I am the life  
That'll never, never die;

I'll live in you  
If you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord  
Of the Dance, said he.

**Prayer:** Pastor  
Leader: The Lord be with you  
**People:** **And also with you**  
Leader: Let us pray

Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have completed their course of faith and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. We especially praise you for Bill and Lorraine Duncan, who you have graciously received into your presence; to all of these, grant your peace and let perpetual light shine upon them. Help us to believe what 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 life in Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer:** (By all)

**Old Testament Lesson:** Psalm 139: 9-10, 17-18, 23-24 - **Elizabeth Duncan – Granddaughter**

<sup>9</sup> If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.  
How vast is the sum of them!  
<sup>18</sup> Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand  
<sup>23</sup> Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
<sup>24</sup> See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Reader: This is the word of God  
**People:** **Thanks be to God**

**New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 - Brandon Sumpter – Grandson**

**13** If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. <sup>8</sup>Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I talked like a child; I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup>For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Reader: This is the word of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Reading Lesson: John 3:16-21 - Anne-Marie Duncan – Granddaughter**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. <sup>19</sup>This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>Everyone who does evil hates the light and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ

**People: Thanks to Christ our Saviour**

**Family Message:**

LeAntha Sumpter – Daughter

**Eulogy:**

Rev. Raymond Max-Jones

**Hymn:**                **“Pass It On”**                # 572

**Verse 1**

It only takes a spark  
To get a fire going,  
And soon all those around  
Can warm up in its glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it;  
You spread His love to ev'ryone;  
You want to pass it on

**Verse 2**

What a wondrous time is spring,  
When all the trees are budding;  
The birds begin to sing,  
The flowers start their blooming.  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it;  
You want to sing it's fresh like spring,  
You want to pass it on.

**Verse 3**

I wish for you, my friend,  
This happiness that I've found;  
You can depend on Him,  
It matters not where you're bound.  
I'll shout it from the mountain top;  
I want my world to know;  
The Lord of love has come to me,  
I want to pass it on.

**Witness/Memories:**

Lincolnia Women and Men

**Hymn:**

**“The Gift of Love”**

#408

**1** Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

**2** Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be giv'n by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

**3** Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship and are freed.

**Closing prayer and benediction:**

**(Pastor)**

**Postlude:**

**“On Eagle’s Wings”**

# 143

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.

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**Pastor:**

Let us depart in peace

**People:**

**In the name of the Lord**

A photograph of a bright blue sky filled with scattered white clouds. A bright sun is visible in the lower right quadrant, creating a lens flare effect. The text is centered over the sky.

*Forever in our memories,  
Forever in our hearts*