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March 7, 2026 • A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Gary Noble Simes

March 7, 2026

2:00 p.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: In life and in death we belong to God.

**All: Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

One: As we gather here to give thanks to God
for the life of Gary Simes,
and to bear witness to the resurrection,
we rejoice with believers in every time and place:

**All: for nothing can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord!**

One: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Let us worship God.

Prayer

*Hymn 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

HYMN OF PROMISE

Readings from the Old Testament

Psalm 139:1–6, 17–18

Isaiah 40:28–31

Psalm 116:1–7

Unison Reading

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

**Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us,
and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.**

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Reflections from the Family

Readings from the New Testament

Revelation 21:1–6
1 Corinthians 15:50–55
2 Corinthians 4:16–18

Homily

Randy Harris

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Debbie Layman

*Hymn 442

Just As I Am, without One Plea

WOODWORTH

*Benediction

One: Life is short, and we do not have too much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.

All: So let us be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

One: Let us go out into the world in peace, have courage,
hold onto what is good, and return no one evil for evil.

**All: May we strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak,
help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the
Lord, and rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

One: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God,
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

All: Amen.

*Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*Following the benediction all are invited to a reception
across the street in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Memorials may be made to
Highland Presbyterian Church
2380 Cloverdale Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27103*

or

*Second Harvest Food Bank
3330 Shorefair Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27105*

Leading this service:

Randy Harris and Debbie Layman, Pastors
Susan Bates, Organist
Chris Gilliam, Pianist

I Am Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call
Then turned, and bid farewell to all.

I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that place at the break of day.

And if my parting left a void
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much:
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wants me now, and set me free.