



*In Memory and in Celebration of the life of*  
*Morgan A. Taylor*

**Southminster Presbyterian Church**  
701 Far Hills Avenue, Dayton, OH 45459



*Drawing by Harvey Loshak-Taylor*

**Leading the Service:**  
John Munson, David Poe, Philip Krohnengold, Musicians  
Rev. Steve Schumm, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Nancy R. Birdsong, Pastor/Head of Staff

# A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

with Thanksgiving and in Celebration of the Life of

*Morgan A. Taylor*

*September 5, 1969 - August 11, 2022*

August 18, 2022

4:00 p.m.

An Invitation: *The family hopes that those who knew Morgan will take a piece of the gold or green paper provided and write down something about him that his sons can keep as a remembrance.*

Prayer for Meditation *(for your personal use before the service)*

*Gracious God, in this time of sorrow, I also rejoice in the things of which I am not and cannot be deprived -- the love in my heart and the memories in my mind. I rejoice that I can look beyond night to the glorious dawn. I rejoice that there is no finality in death, but the promise of a fresh beginning and doorway into a larger life.*

*In the midst of my grief, enable me to hold on to my best memories of Morgan and to be thankful for the ways that he touched my life. Lord, as I worship you today, help me to celebrate Morgan and all that he meant to me. Grant me your peace. Amen.*

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**PRELUDE** *A recording of Morgan's late father, Gordon, playing the piano.*

## \*PROCLAMATION

*Leader: Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.  
Those who believe in me, even though they die, shall live...  
Come to me, all you who are weary  
and heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.*

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

*Leader: Praise the Lord.*

**People: The Lord's name be praised.**

**\*SONG** "Ave Verum Corpus" *by Mozart*

*Sung by the Kingston Singers:*

*Rachel Loshak, conductor; Rodman Stout, Jennifer Lewis Bennet,  
Colleen Connors, Claire Brannon, Morgan Taylor, and Malcolm Payne.*

## PRAYER (Unison)

Almighty and eternal God, we turn to you in thanksgiving. Thinking of Morgan, whom we have cherished, we are grateful for all that we have known of him. To us,

he was a witness to love. We pray that in these moments spent together, our minds may be quieted, our hearts healed, and our souls taught to rest in you. In the future, may we continue to walk, in faithfulness and peace, the road in which you lead us. Amen.

**READING** "In Blackwater Woods" *by Mary Oliver*

*Read by Leane Tyska*

**SCRIPTURE** 1 John 4:7

Romans 12:9-10, 15-18

**SONG** "Spirit" *by Trip Shakespeare*

*John Munson, David Poe, and Philip Krohnengold*

**SCRIPTURE** James 3:13,17

1 Corinthians 13:1-2,4-8a

**MEDITATION** *Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong*

**SONG** "Brighter Side" *by Morgan Taylor*

*Sung by the following group of children's music artists as a tribute to Morgan:*

*Created by Dean Jones,*

*Frances England, Todd McHatton, Molly Ledford, Chris Ballew, Justin Roberts,  
Billy Kelly, Joe Mailander, Justin Lansing, Jack Forman, Drew Holloway, Jacob  
Stein, and Jacob Rabinowitz, Edited by Jedediah Anderson.*

**REFLECTIONS** *Grant Taylor, brother*

*Nick Eddy, friend*

*Rachel Loshak, wife*

**SONG** "The Erring Ant" *by Morgan Taylor*

*Sung by Morgan Taylor and Rachel Loshak*

## PRAYER

**SUNG RESPONSE** "Alleluia"

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

*\*Congregation Standing (all who are able)*