



To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose
under the heaven

Ecclesiastes 3:1

**A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
OF THE LIFE OF PAUL CHRISTIAN JEPSON
FEBRUARY 5, 2022**

PRELUDE Christina Pierce, piano

SONG "This Time" Al Jarreau

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
the God of mercies and of consolations.

People: **God comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can
comfort others in their sorrows with the
consolation we ourselves have received from God.**

***INVOCATION**

***HYMN** "Beautiful Savior" #56

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 23
Ecclesiastes 3:1-5
Romans 8:31-39

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE AND CELEBRATION Kurt Schwarck

POEM AND REMARKS Larry Brandstetter

"Roads Go Ever On and On" J.R.R. Tolkein

Words of Hope Reverend Deb Mechler

SONG "Dido's Lament" Dido and Aeneas
Henry Purcell (1688)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORDS PRAYER ("debts")

COMMENDATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Dust In the Wind" Kansas
"Lean Away" Gene Scheer
"1st Suite in F" Gustav Holst
"On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss" David Holsinger

Roads Go Ever On and On - J.R.R. Tolkien

**The Road goes ever on and on
Down from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with eager feet,
Until it joins some larger way,
Where many paths and errands meet.
And whither then? I cannot say.**

**The Road goes ever on and on
Out from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone.
Let others follow, if they can!
Let them a journey new begin.
But I at last with weary feet
Will turn towards the lighted inn,
My evening-rest and sleep to meet.**

**Still 'round the corner there may wait
A new road or secret gate;
And though I oft have passed them by,
A day will come at last when I
Shall take the hidden paths that run
West of the Moon, East of the Sun.**

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*All who are able, please stand.