# Order of Service

#### **Introduction and Opening Prayers**

**All:** **Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us; renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead; strengthen our faith that all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**  **Amen**

**Hymn:** **Amazing grace**,

How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now I'm found,

Was blind, but now can 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.

**The Scriptural Reading:** John 14. 1-6

**The Eulogy**

**Reflection:** *Jolene* sung by Dolly Parton

**The Prayers and Lord’s Prayer:**

*After “Lord, in your mercy”, please respond by saying: “****Hear our prayer”***

## After the final section:

All: God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn:**

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky, casting its shadow near;

and on this morning, bright though it be, I feel those shadows near me.

*But you are always close to me, following all my ways.*

*May I be always close to you, following all your ways, Lord.*

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds warming the earth below;

and at the mid-day life seems to say: "I feel your brightness near me."

*But you are always close to me ...*

I watch the sunset fading away lighting the clouds with sleep;

and as the evening closes its eyes I feel your presence near me.

*But you are always close to me ...*

I watch the moonlight guarding the night, waiting till morning comes.

The air is silent, earth is at rest - only your peace is near me.

*But you are always close to me ...*

**The Commendation:** *(please remain standing)*

**All: Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**