#### Order of Service

**To enter:** *Wind beneath my wings* sung by Bette Midler

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

**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** On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,

The emblem of suff'ring and shame;

and I love that old cross where the dearest and best

For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross*

*Till my trophies at last I lay down;*

*I will cling to the old rugged cross*

*And exchange it some day for a crown.*

Oh, the old rugged cross, so despised by the world,

Has a wondrous attraction for me;

For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above

To bear it to dark Calvary.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross*

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,

A wondrous beauty I see;

For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died

To pardon and sanctify me.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross*

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,

Its shame and reproach gladly bear;

Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,

Where his glory for ever I'll share.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross*

**The Scriptural Reading:** 1 Corinthians 13

**The Eulogy including Family Tributes and Poem**

**The Prayers and Lord’s Prayer:**

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

## After the final section:

**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.**

**Hymn:** Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love.

where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,

and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek*

*so much to be consoled as to console,*

*to be understood, as to understand,*

*to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light,

and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek ...*

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

in giving of ourselves that we receive,

and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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

**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.**

**Final music:** *Simply the Best* sung by Tina Turner