



*A Celebration for the Life of  
Paul Meinholz*



*March 23, 1960 ~ March 5, 2023*

Almighty God,  
our Father in heaven,  
Before whom live all who die in the Lord:  
Receive our Brother Paul into the courts  
Of your heavenly dwelling place.  
Let his heart and soul now ring out  
In joy to you, O Lord, the living God,  
and the God of those who live.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# A Memorial Service for Paul Meinholz



Grace Episcopal Church

Thursday, March 30, 2023 ~ 2:00 PM

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**Prelude**

*J.S. Bach*

*“Ich ruf’ zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ)”*

Kent Jones - Guest Organist

*(Please stand for the tolling of the bells)*

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**Processional Hymn 287 vv. 1-4**

*Sine Nomine*

*“For All the Saints”*

## Opening Anthem

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die.  
And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he dies.

For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.

So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

### **Welcome**

Officiant: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray:

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Paul. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-3**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

## **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul;  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## **Second Lesson: Revelation 21:2-7**

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

## **Celebration of Life Speakers**

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Sanjaya Nath ~ Frank Mackey ~ Alex Lizarraga ~ Mario Luis

**Anthem**

“Ave Maria”

Franz Schubert

David Aldrete ~ Baritone

**Gospel:** John 14:1-6

The Rev. Susan Scranton

Officiant: A reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton

## The Apostles’ Creed

Officiant: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Musical Interlude**

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Albert Hay Malotte

David Aldrete ~ Baritone

## Prayers of the People

Intercessor: For our brother Paul, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

Intercessor: Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Paul, and dry the tears of those who weep.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor: You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor: Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor: He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

Officiant:

Father of all, we pray to you for Paul, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **AMEN.**

## The Commendation

Officiant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Paul with your saints,

**People: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Officiant: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**People: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Officiant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Paul. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **AMEN.**

### The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 618**

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

"Ye watchers and ye holy ones"

### Dismissal

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*J.S. Bach*

*"Alle Menschen müssen sterben (All Mankind Must Pass Away)"*

Kent Jones - Guest Organist

Please join us for a reception in Baxter Hall immediately following the service.

You are welcome to share a story or memory of Paul at the reception.



In lieu of flowers, you may donate in memory of Paul Meinholz to:



**American Heart Association**

<https://www.heart.org>



Paul Meinholz was born in Duisburg, Germany on March 23, 1960 to Klaus and Gisela Meinholz. Immigrating to the United States in 1965 at age 5 with his parents, he became a citizen and called the San Gabriel Valley home for the next 58 years.

Paul grew up an avid baseball player throughout his school years and would continue as a coach for pony league prior to having children, and later, as head coach for son Ryan's little league teams. He grew up supporting the LA Dodgers and loved watching games with daughter Haley, who also became a big fan. Paul and Haley also enjoyed baking, especially banana bread.

As a young adult, Paul attended Pasadena City College, later transferring to San Francisco State, where he studied broadcast engineering. It was during these early college years that Paul began working private security for the LA Forum. His passion for music was nurtured as he was able to hear many of his favorite groups while he worked. This love for rock and roll and concert-going were hobbies shared with son, Ryan. They also took pleasure in restoring a classic '67 Chevy.

Paul worked alongside his father, Klaus, in Meinholz and Son Painting for several years. Always conscientious, Paul concurrently took a second job working nights and weekends at Robinson's department store in loss prevention, where he was destined to meet his wife, Heidi, in the Fall of 1985.

Paul and Heidi married in 1988 and were blessed with two children; son, Ryan and daughter, Haley a few years later. Paul continued on with his career in the Retail Loss Prevention field for the next 35 years, working for various companies such as Musicland, Barnes & Noble, and most recently Swatch Group USA.

Paul will forever be remembered as a loving son, husband and father. He was immensely proud of his kids and great with advice. He constantly brought laughter to the household and those around him, with his quick wit and humor.

Like his mother, Paul had a passion and talent for cooking, and was an excellent grill master. He enjoyed testing all of his new recipes on family and friends when he hosted the annual holiday barbeques and New Year's festivities. His culinary creations never disappointed! In his free time, Paul loved to travel with his wife and family (especially to Lake Tahoe and Costa Rica) and go fishing with the guys. He also served as usher here at Grace Episcopal Church for many years.

Paul is survived by his wife Heidi, son Ryan, daughter Haley, his mother Gisela, father Klaus, stepmother Altrun, his aunt Mary and uncle Werner, cousins Frank and Dirk, sister-in-law Sandi, brother-in-law Marc, and niece Natalie. He was blessed to grow up with his sister Melanie born in 1966, but the Lord called her to heaven when she was 20, after her courageous battle with cancer.

Paul is reunited now with Melanie. He will forever be missed here on earth, and will live forever in our hearts.

# Memories of Paul Meinholz



Participants in this service:

Celebrant.....The Rev. Susan L. Scranton  
Lector..... Miles Bresee  
Family Remarks..... Sanjaya Nath, Frank Mackey, Alex Lizarraga, Mario Luis  
Guest Organist..... Kent Jones  
Baritone Soloist.....David Aldrete  
GEC Stream Team..... Nolan Frymer, Nathaniel Olmos  
Flower Guild.. ..... Janese Grady, Rosann Kindt, Nancy Rice, Liz Sandona,  
Marilyn Scranton, Kathy Seielstad, Peggy Wallace, Penny Wallace  
Altar Guild.....Janese Grady, Patricia Meyer, Debbie Pullen  
Ushers..... Miles Bresee, Carl Colley, Randy Lakin, Rick Sandona  
Hospitality Ministry..... Lynn Colley, Debbi England, Janese Grady,  
Donna McAlmond, Pat McAlmond, Lucie Pelleriti,  
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