

Eternal Father! Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bid the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.

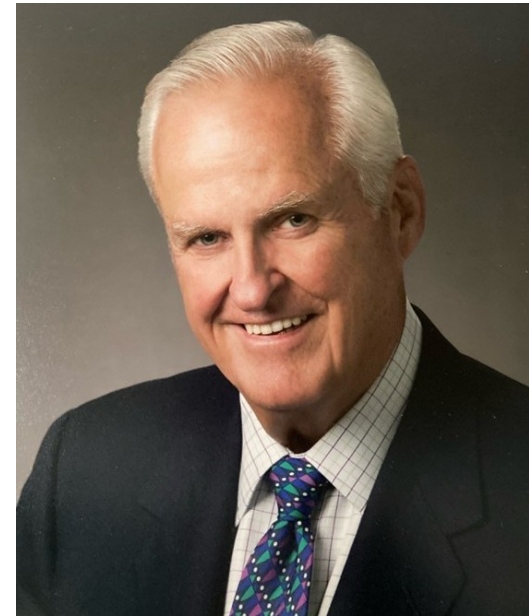
O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them where-so-e'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to Thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.

**A Service of Worship
Celebrating the Life
of**

Herbert Edward Smith, Jr.



June 6, 2025

11:00 a.m.

**Sanctuary
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Houston, Texas**

Order of Worship

Organ Prelude

Rob Landes

*Entrance of the Family

*Word of Grace

Tom Pace

*Hymn of Praise

Eternal Father, Strong to Save WILLIAM WHITING

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Reading from the Psalter Psalm 23 (in unison)

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 forever.

Organ Medley

Witnesses to Ed's Life

Charlie Smith
Scooter Smith

Readings from Holy Scripture

Proverbs 4:10-18

Joshua 1:8-9

Romans 8:selected

Solo

Come Sunday
Elizabeth Smith Curtis, mezzo-soprano
Carl Curtis, piano

ELLINGTON

Homily

Tom Pace

Reading from the Gospel

John 14:selected

Hymn of Praise

#711 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

*Commendation

God of us all, your love never ends.
When all else fails, you still are God.
Keep true in us
the love with which we hold one another.
In all our ways we trust you.
O God, all that you have given us is yours.
As first you gave Ed to us,
so now we give him back to you.
Receive Ed into the arms of your mercy.
Raise him up with all of your people.
Receive us also, and raise us into a new life.
And to you,
with your church on earth and in heaven,
we offer honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

*Benediction

Acts 20:32

Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace,
which can build you up and give you an inheritance
among all those who are sanctified.

*Recessional *God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand* WARREN

**Indicates congregation standing, if able*

*The family invites you to a reception in
the Fellowship Hall following the service.*