



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF WHEATON

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11:00 a.m.

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**CELEBRATION OF ETERNAL LIFE**  
**for**  
**Jonathan Lee Sneed**  
**May 24, 1990 – August 3, 2006**

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*Amazing Grace*

*James Newton*

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I 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.  
Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.*

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# Celebration of Eternal Life

## PRELUDE

“Three Equili”

Trombone Ensemble  
Wheaton Warrenville  
South High School

## INVITATION TO LIFE

Jerald B. Landrey

*“Come to me all of you who are weary and overburdened and I will give you rest for I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”*

## A FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

Dueteronomy 33: 26-27

*“There is no one like the God of Israel, who rides through the skies to help you, who rides on clouds of His majesty, the everlasting God is your place of safety, His arms will hold you forever.”*

## PRAYERS FOR COMFORT

Russell Pattie, Pastor  
Literberry Christian Church

*(Please stand if you are able.)*

## \*HYMN # 272

### God of the Sparrow

*(Tune: Roeder)*

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say awe  
How does the creature say praise  
God of the earthquake, God of the storm  
God of the trumpets blast  
How does the creature cry woe

*(Please be seated.)*

## REFLECTIONS FROM JONATHAN’S SISTER

Elizabeth Sneed

*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.”*

*(Please stand if you are able.)*

**HYMN**

**Blessed Be Your Name**

Jay Albert (guitar)

Beth Redman/Matt Redman

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in  
Lord still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

(BRIDGE)

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

*(Please be seated.)*

*“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.”*

**TRIBUTE TO JONATHAN LEE SNEED****“God is Gracious!”**

Jerald B. Landrey

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast.”*  
Ephesians 2:8-9

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Almighty God, our Creator, you have given us life as a gift. We thank you now for the gift of Jonathan Sneed’s life. We have loved him and enjoyed him. His death is a great loss to us. Even now as we struggle to accept what has happened, we turn to you for all the comfort and help that you have promised. Even as we grieve, we trust your goodness and mercy...

**SOLO**

Amazing Grace

Donna Fletcher, Soloist

*John Newton*

Jonna Williamson, Accompanist

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

*(Please stand if you are able.)*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** (In Unison)

The Apostle’s Creed

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**HYMN #319**

**Spirit**

James K. Manley

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
Blow through the wilderness,  
Calling and free.  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,  
Stir me from placidness,  
Wind, wind on the sea.

**BLESSING**

*“Peace I leave with you;  
May peace I give to you.  
I do not give you as the  
World gives. Do not let  
your hearts be troubled,  
And do not let them be afraid.”*

*Jesus*

*(Please be seated.)*

**INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE**

**Summer of the Last Rose**

Todd Schultz

Marching Band  
Wheaton Warrenville  
South High School

**POSTLUDE**

**Shades of Blue**

Mixed Ensemble  
Wheaton Warrenville  
South High School

**RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE SERVICE**

The Sneed Family would like to invite you to a reception in Stewart Hall provided for by the LOGOS, Genesis and WF Youth and their parents and hosted by the Board of Deacons so that they may express their gratitude for your love and prayers.

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE:** Sean McLeod, band director, Abbey Lange and Julia Buik, flute, Lauren Engel and MaryBeth Broda, clarinet, Sara Rosenkranz and Jeremy Saul, bass clarinet, Jonathan Tedesco and Michael Nosek, alto sax, Greg Schwartz and Steven Mycyk, tenor sax, Alex Schumacher and Kari Carlson, baritone sax, Amanda Vallaro and Amanda Samuels, french horn, Rebecca Noffsinger and Kenton Brace, trumpet, Matt Dzugan and Benjamin Ward, trombone, Olivia Schaible, baritone, Scott Frechmann and Eric Herbach, tuba.

## **JONATHAN LEE SNEED**

Jonathan Lee Sneed of Wheaton was born May 24, 1990 in Winfield, and he died unexpectedly, Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, while visiting family in Nebraska. Jonathan was preparing to enter his junior year at Wheaton-Warrenville South High School where he played trombone in the marching band. He also was a member of the Youth and Government program and was involved in the school theater program. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton where he was baptized and confirmed. He has played piano since the age of five. He was a joyful, gregarious young man who showed sensitivity to others. He was a great student and was loved by many. He is survived by his parents, Lee and Kathy; his sister, Elizabeth; his maternal grandparents, Anita and LaVerne Carson of Pappillion, Neb.; his aunts, Sue Carson of Omaha, Neb. and Jane (Kevin) Wynn, also of Pappillion; and his cousins, Zachary and Sara. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Cora and Elbert Sneed. Memorial gifts may be directed to the Jonathan Sneed Memorial Fund, c/o 304 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

### **IF WE COULD SEE BEYOND TODAY**

If we could see beyond today  
As God can see,  
If all the clouds should roll away,  
The shadows flee;  
O'er present griefs we would not fret,  
Each sorrow we would soon forget,  
For many joys are waiting yet  
For you and me.  
If we could know beyond today  
As God doth know,  
Why dearest treasures pass away  
And shadows flow;  
And why darkness leads to light,  
Why dreary days will soon grow bright,  
Some day life's wrongs will be made right,  
Faith tells me so.  
If we could see, if we could know,  
We often say,  
But God in love a veil doth throw  
Across our way;  
We cannot see what lies before,  
And so we cling to Him before,  
He leads us till this life is o'er.