A Service of Remembrance and Celebration

John Robert Christie

October 3, 1985 – October 2, 2026



November 7, 2026
1:00 p.m.
Trinity Presbyterian Church
420 Melrose Avenue, Santa Cruz, California

Following the service, all are invited to greet the family, enjoy refreshments, share more stories about John, and dance to live music by John's favorite band, "Wagon Wreckers," in the Fellowship Hall.

Your death will come on an ordinary day, in the middle of unfinished plans, unread messages, and unspoken words.

So live while you can. Don't waste your life on things that won't matter when it's over.

Life can change on an ordinary day, leaving plans unfinished, and words unsaid.

Don't wait for the perfect moment to live, appreciate the people you love, say what matters and spend your time on what truly deserves your attention.

-Author Unknown

THE LORD'S PRAYER: ***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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.***

Celebrating Faith and Resurrection

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision*, by Heather Sorenson — Nicki Kerns

Words of Faith and Welcome — Rev. Diane Ford

***Hymn PH #376** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, vs. 1-3*

Readings

Psalm 139:13-16	Jamie Shilling, 2nd Cousin
Matthew 25:34-40	Katie Hill, Cousin
John 13:34-35	Rev. Larry Vilardo

Hymn PH #280 *Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 5 (stand* on vs. 5)*

Prayer — Diane

Reflection — Rev. Diane Ford

***Hymn PH #473** *For the Beauty of the Earth, vs. 1, 2, 4*

Remembering and Celebrating John

Eulogy — Michael Christie, Father

Words of Remembrance

Steve Goodall, Uncle
Garrett Robertello, Friend
Allie Rothenberger, Friend
Veronica Christie, Sister

Prayer of Commendation and The Lord's Prayer *(see previous page)*

Going Out to Live and Serve with Faith

***Hymn GH #511** *I Danced in the Morning*

***Blessing and Charge** — Diane

Postlude *The Gathering of Spirits*, by Carrie Newcomer — Nicki

*All are invited to stand as able.





For people who are struggling with the holidays: Our "Longest Night Service" will take place **December 21, at 7 p.m.** Safe space, breath work, gentle chair yoga, readings, candles, and prayers. Refreshments afterwards. Call the church for more details.

Grief takes many forms, and you do not have to navigate it alone. If you would like support resources or someone to talk with, please reach out to Pastor Diane.

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