

STORMY DAYS by Lydia Dugan

I don't understand your ways
I don't understand your will
But I will trust in you Lord
You I will lean on

I don't understand this pain
What is there to gain?
But I know your plan is perfect
And I hold my hope in you

In the midst of stormy days
Your steady hand prevails
When the night seems lone and long
You change my tears to joy

I don't understand this life
Full of suffering and strife
But I know you have a purpose
And you know what's best for me

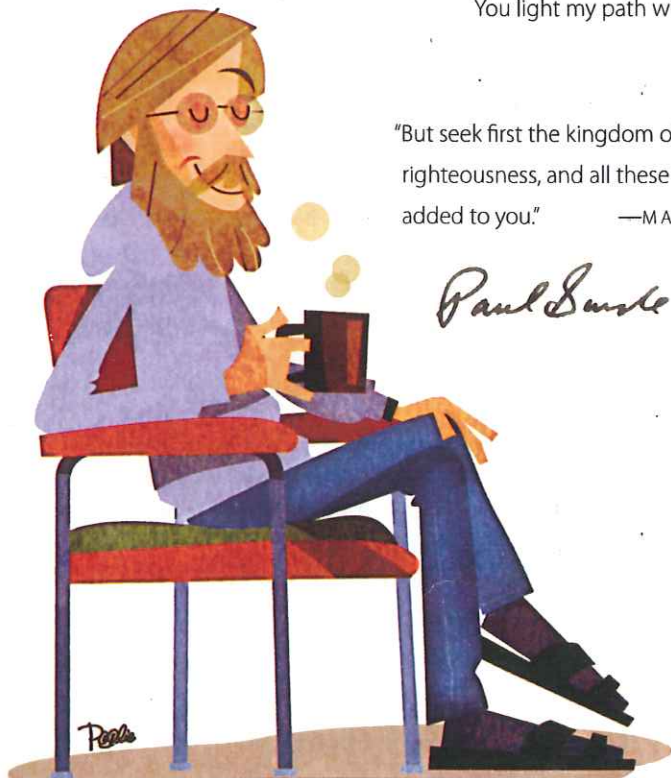
You have blessed me with so much
And you've taken back what's yours
But I know your time is perfect
And I will wait for you

In the midst of stormy days
Your steady hand prevails
When the night seems lone and long
You change my tears to joy

In the midst of stormy days
Even in the darkest hour
You light my path with hope

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his
righteousness, and all these things will be
added to you." —MATTHEW 6:33

Paul Sunde



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October 7, 1951 - November 29, 2009

T H E M E M O R I A L S E R V I C E

Prelude		Cathy Brokke
Welcome & Prayer		Paul Strand
Scripture Reading		Theresa Hartford
Congregational Hymn	<i>What A Friend We Have In Jesus</i>	
Life Story		Elizabeth Strand
Special song	<i>Stormy Days</i>	Lydia and Rebekah Dugan
Tributes		Joel Holloway Terry Dugan
Congregational Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	
Reflections		Marnie Fujii Dan Brokke
Thanksgiving		David Sunde Reiko Sunde
Solo	<i>I'd Rather Have Jesus</i>	Harold Carlson
Meditation		Paul Strand
Video Remembrance		
Benediction		
Postlude		Cathy Brokke

*The congregation is invited to share refreshments and fellowship
in Bethany's West Dining Room.*

Paul Sunde was born October 7, 1951 while Ken and Doris were students at Bethany. When he was 2 1/2 years old, the family moved to Japan to serve as missionaries. Most of the next 55 years of Paul's life would be spent in his adopted homeland of Japan. Paul's younger brother, David, was born in Japan in 1957.

Paul graduated from Bethany College of Missions (BCOM) in 1973 and worked with YWAM. But he had a desire to begin a church planting ministry with Bethany International Ministries (BIM). Paul and Reiko were married April 8, 1978. In September 1979, they moved to Bethany while Reiko attended a one-year course at BCOM. Following their return to Japan in August, 1980, the Sundes held their first church service in Osaka with six people in attendance. Over the next 25 years, Paul saw four churches established by Bethany missionaries. In the past 20 years, more than 60 people have been baptized at the church Paul pastored. Just two days before Paul died the organization of Bethany churches in Japan received official recognition from the Japanese government in culmination of a four-year process.

As a young man Paul survived a serious bout with cancer. By his testimony, it transformed him. He realized that work had become his life. While undergoing treatment he had plenty of time to read the Bible and pray. He testified that, in spite of his physical discomfort, his time in the hospital soon turned into a "retreat time. . . a time to get to know God in a deeper way." The things he learned through this continued to profoundly impact his life and ministry.

When cancer recurred two years ago, Paul declared that God's call was still upon him "to make disciples and baptize and preach the gospel." He had the privilege of baptizing two more people and saw a third make a decision for Christ. Church members took on more responsibility so Paul could use his energy for preaching and teaching. Over the past year, Paul testified that he was sustained daily by the prayers of God's people. His faith remained strong as his body weakened. He was at peace, entrusting his future into God's hands. In sickness, as in health, Paul exhibited a deep trust in Jesus, testifying of His goodness and mercy.

Paul spent much of his last few months in the hospital with Reiko by his side. During this time he wrote, "My doctor knows that a pastor only feels comfortable when he's in church and when he's preaching. So on Sundays he lets me leave the hospital and go to church." Paul continued to preach weekly until a short time before his death. Paul's funeral was held in Osaka, Japan on December 1 with 200 people in attendance. The evening before the funeral 280 people attended the wake. More than half of those attending these services were not believers.

We trust that everyone who knew Paul will continue to be challenged to follow God as his life and witness are remembered. Paul has left a lasting legacy in Japan which will continue to bear fruit of eternal impact.

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and
shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised
Thou wilt all our burdens bear;
May we ever, Lord, be bringing
All to Thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory bright, unclouded,
There will be no need for prayer—
Rapture, praise, and endless worship
Will be our sweet portion there.

Amazing Grace

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.

T'was 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 that brought me safe
thus far
and Grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten
thousand years
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing
God's praise
Than when we've first begun.