First Presbyterian Church
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection
and in Celebration of the Life of

Elizabeth Rimmer Garrett

July 5, 1927 – October 16, 2026

November 14, 2026 | 1:00 p.m.
Chapel

We Gather to Worship

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT DEATH

The very center of the gospel focuses upon the victory over death by God in Jesus Christ. As his followers, we are convinced that we share in that victory over the grave. We affirm that at death the believer lives in the presence of God, who is an eternal home. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ. So, death is not the end; rather, it is the beginning of a fuller existence which will be completed in the resurrection of the body. This hope is never based upon our worth, but only upon the graciousness of God.

Therefore, in the Presbyterian tradition, a funeral is a worship service to God. We gather here to mourn, to confess our faith in a living Savior, to honor our grief, and to recall our profound gladness and solemn joy in Christ our living Lord.

PRELUDE — *FINLANDIA: Be Still, My Soul (hymn 819)* — Jean Sibelius

*STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN HOPE — Rev. John C. McKinnon

ENTRANCE OF THE FAMILY

*WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 8:1, 3-4; Psalm 148:3, 12-13

Pastor: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

Pastor: what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

People: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Pastor: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

*HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

IN REMEMBRANCE John Garrett, Paul Garrett

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*HYMN 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* HERE I AM (Schutte)

We Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READINGS Proverbs 31:25-30, Psalm 23:1-6
Lamentations 3:21-24

SECOND READINGS 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
John 14:1-6

SERMON Rev. Mark Bradford

We Respond to God's Word

ENSEMBLE *It is Well with My Soul* John Ness Beck

PRAYER Elizabeth Hatcher

"Watch Thou, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give Thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend Thy sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest Thy weary ones. Bless Thy dying ones. Soothe Thy suffering ones. Pity Thy afflicted ones. Shield Thy joyous ones. And all, for Thy love's sake. Amen." —St. Augustine

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' 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 rose 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 (INSERT) *He Leadeth Me* HE LEADETH ME

*COMMENDATION

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter C. Lutkin

*RECESSIONAL *Toccata from Symphony No. 5* Charles-Marie Widor

*Those who are comfortable doing so, please stand.

Following worship, the congregation is invited to greet the family at a reception in the Parlor, located through the narthex.
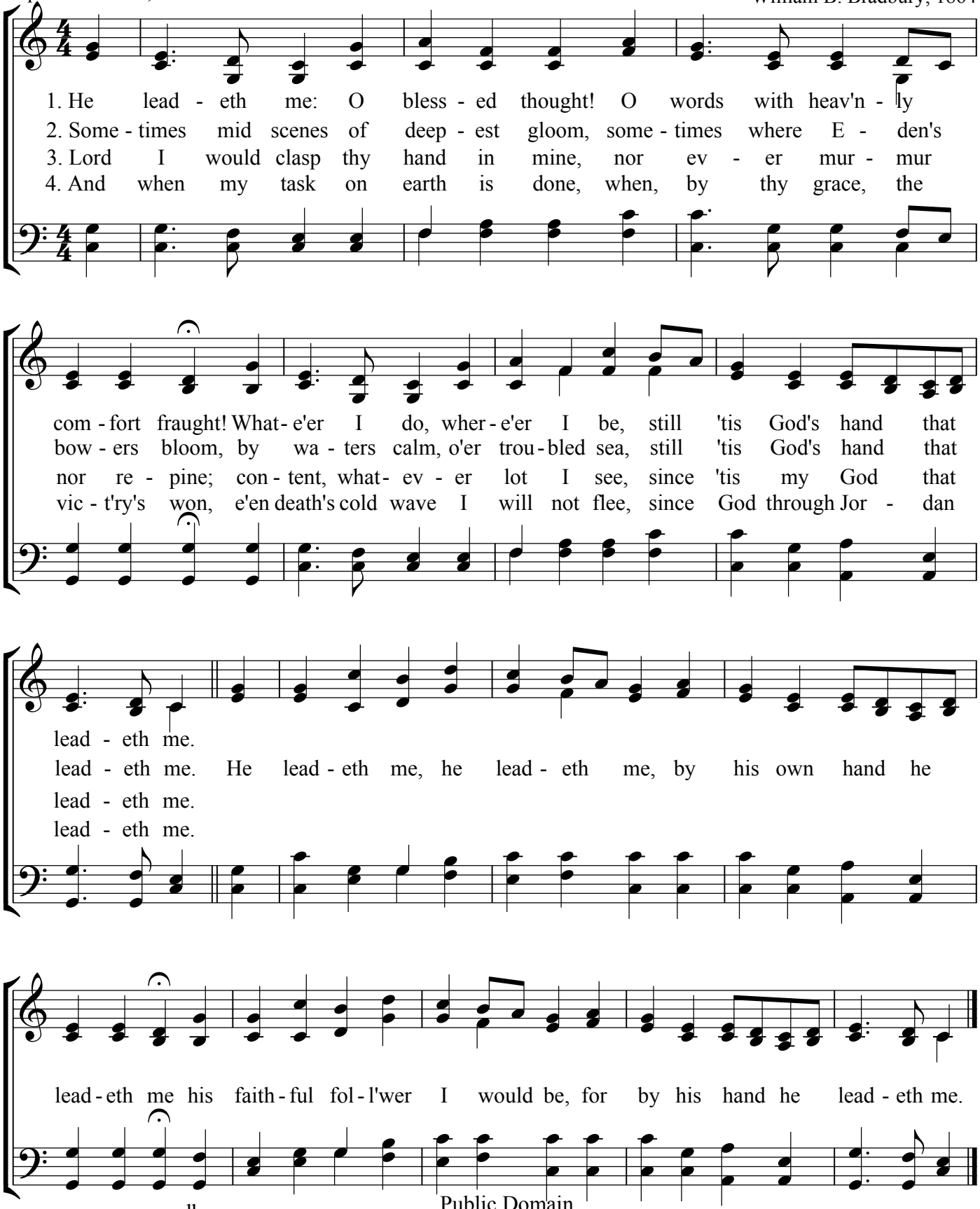
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to
ALS Research Fund at Mass General
(www.giving.massgeneral.org/donate/kathy-garrett)
or to another charity in Elizabeth's memory.

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

HE LEADETH ME

Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862

William B. Bradbury, 1864



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	Rev. Mark Bradford, St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church
Organist	Mr. John L. Edwards
Music Leader	Dr. Warren Puffer Jones
Vocal Ensemble	Sophie Beck, Ronn Burton, Olivia Flores, Sarah Gwatney, Michael Johnston, Puffer Jones, Marina Quintanilla, Isaac Sides