

Rev. Daniel Edmund Smith
February 2, 1953 – June 12, 2023

Dan Smith was born on 2-2-1953 in Buffalo, NY to James and Irene Smith. He joined big brother Ron and his younger brother Gil would come along years later. Dan graduated from the State University of New York at Fredonia as a music major. He registered as a conscientious objector of the Vietnam War. He attended Princeton Seminary and was ordained in the Presbyterian Church in June of 1978. He served the First Presbyterian Church of Geneva NY before coming to the West Hollywood Presbyterian Church in June, 1984. Within a year of starting this great parish, the AIDS crisis came and overwhelmed the congregation. Dan led the congregation through "thick and thin" for 35 years before retiring February 29, 2020. In April of 2022 he was able to move to his "Dream Home" in Cathedral City California. He enjoyed more than one year of freshly squeezed OJ from his tree, Saturday nights free from sermon-anxiety, and many dinners with his friends in the desert. He was predeceased by his parents Irene and James and his brother Gil. He is survived by his brother Ron and his sister-in-law Karin Ziegler. He has four nephews, Brett (married to Ilana), Joshua, James, and Lucas, and two nieces Shanelle (married to Abed), and Gabrielle. He has one great nephew Jace and two great nieces

Remi and Jasmine. He was loved and respected by many and will be missed by all of his family, friends, and congregants.



Witness to the Resurrection

In loving memory of
Rev. Daniel Edmund Smith

Saturday, July 22, 2023
1:00 o'clock

West Hollywood United Church of Christ
7350 Sunset Boulevard
West Hollywood, CA 90046

Order of Service

Greeting and Opening Prayer Rev. Tracy Kariya
and Rev. Janie Spahr

Psalm 119 Rev. Janie Spahr

Opening Song “On Eagle’s Wings”
Please see insert By Fr. Michael Joncas

Selections from Romans 8 Rev. Lisa Bove

“Ave Maria” Randy Guiaya
By Bach and Gounod and Mark Abulencia

Memories George Lynch
A Tribute by Rev. Chris Glaser

Presbyterians Sylvia Thorson Smith
and Human Sexuality 1991 and Marvin Ellison

Quotes from Rev. Dan Smith Laurie Fox, Rev. Jim Rigby,
Rev. Katie Morrison
George Lynch

Words of Remembrance Rev. Lisa Bove

“In My Life” Randi De Marco
By Lennon and McCartney and Mark Abulencia

Quotes from Rev. Dan Smith Cleo Bove and
Mavery Abulencia-Hargrove

Memories in Pictures Created by Barry Smith
Accompanying music:
“I Was There to Hear Kristy Healy and
Your Borning Cry” by John Ylvisaker Mark Abulencia

Quotes from Rev. Dan Smith Ellen LaBarbera
And Lainey Rathgeber

The Dash Renna Killen
By Linda Ellis

Time of Sharing Rev. Janie Spahr
All are invited to briefly share
memories from the lectern

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Tracy Kariya

Committal Rev. Tracy Kariya

Prayer that Jesus Taught Rev. Tracy Kariya

Quotes from Rev. Dan Smith Karin Ziegler

A Litany of Remembrance Rev. Lisa Bove
Please see insert

Closing Song Let It Rise / How Great Is Our God
Please see insert By Davis, Tomlin, Reeves, and Cash

Benediction Rev. Tracy Kariya, Rev. Lisa Bove,
and Rev. Janie Spahr

***All are invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following the service.***

Let It Rise / How Great Is Our God

By Holland Davis /

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash

Let the glory of our God rise among us!
Let the glory of our God rise among us!
Let the praises of the Christ rise among us –
Let it rise!

Let the songs of our God rise among us!
Let the songs of our God rise among us!
Let the joy of the Christ rise among us –
Let it rise!

Ohhhhhhhh – let it rise!
Ohhhhhhhh – let it rise!

Let it rise...
Let it rise...

Let the glory of our God rise among us!
Let the glory of our God rise among us!
Let the praises of the Christ rise among us –
Let it rise! (Oh, let it rise!)

Ohhhhhhhh – let it rise!
Ohhhhhhhh – let it rise!
Ohhhhhhhh – let it rise!
Let it rise! Let it rise! Let it rise!

The splendor of our Christ, risen to new life –
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
Our Christ is clothed in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

CHORUS:

How great is our God!
Sing with me how great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

Age to age God stands, and time is in God's hands –
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead three in one – Maker, Spirit, Son –
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.
(CHORUS)

Name above all names, and worthy of all praise,
And my heart will sing how great is our God.
You're the Name above all names, and worthy of all praise,
And my heart will sing how great is our God.
(CHORUS)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

A Litany of Remembrance

By Rabbi Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer

We Remember Them

Leader: In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

People: we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

we remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,

we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,

we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,

for they are now a part of us,

as we remember them.

From Gates of Prayer, published by Central Conference of American Rabbis

On Eagle's Wings - By Fr. Michael Joncas

You who dwell in the shelter of our God,
Who abide in God's shadow for life,
Say to our God: "My refuge,
My Rock in whom I trust!"

CHORUS:

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of Her hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under Her wings your refuge,
Her faithfulness your shield.
(CHORUS)

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.
(CHORUS)

For to God's angels God's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
(CHORUS)

And hold you, hold you in the palm... of Her hand.