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Blair Widmer MBBS OAM

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Wednesday 16 June 2010, 2pm

**Ringwood Uniting Church
32 Station Street, Ringwood**

**Minister: Rev Stan Clarke
Organist: Mrs Estelle Elliot
Instrumental Group:
Organised by Enid Hookey**

Prelude:

Instrumental

Lighting of the Candle:

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."
 The light shines in the darkness,
 and the darkness has not overcome it.

Introduction**Prayer:**

Strong, loving God,
 Maker of all that is,
 we come before you in our need.
 On this day of parting
 do not abandon Blair whom we love,
 do not desert us in our grief.
 Give us courage and strength for today
 and hope and peace for tomorrow.
 This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Song:

Praise my soul the King of heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;
 to his feet thy tribute bring;
 ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
 who like me his praise should sing?
 Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
 praise the everlasting King!
2. Praise him for his grace and favour
 to our fathers in distress;
 praise him still the same for ever,
 slow to chide, and swift to bless:
 praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
 glorious in his faithfulness!

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
widely as his mercy flows!

4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the high eternal one!

5. Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise with us the God of grace!

*Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847
based on Psalm 103 (102)*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 (NRSV)

3 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

⁹ What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. ¹¹ He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

The Life of Blair Widmer: Family Reflections

Legacy Tribute: Yarra Valley Legacy

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Affirmation of Faith

Song: The Lord's my Shepherd (Tune: Crimond)

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Scottish Psalter 1650

The Farewell

Commendation & Committal

To love someone is to risk the pain of parting.
Not to love is never to have lived.
The grief which we now experience
is the honouring of our love.
Let us now in a quiet moment
make our farewell.

(silence)

Blair, we respect your journey through life,
with all of its realities.
We pray that you will travel safely
in this next part of your journey.
Our love goes with you.

And now we commit his body to the elements
which are gentle to us at the time of death.
Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.
In the cycle of life and death the earth is replenished
and life is eternally renewed.

Blessing

Extinguishing of the Candle

Postlude:

Instrumental

This service will be followed by afternoon tea in the church hall,
and a photographic display of Blair's life. Everyone is welcome.



Gwen and Blair, Surfers Paradise, 1979



The family, Susan Wentworth, Kate Watson, Philip Widmer, and John Widmer thanks everybody who is attending today and invites you all to join us for refreshments in the Church Hall at the conclusion of the service.

Ecclesiastes reading by three of Blair's grandchildren: Catherine Brown, Priscilla Sonogan, Anna Yokoyama

Photographic Display: John Widmer

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