



In Loving Memory Of

Clifford Obed
Briscoe

MARCH 15, 1934 – AUGUST 17, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP



VIEWING AND VISITATION IN THE SANCTUARY · 11:00 – 11:30 AM

PRELUDE

DR. ERIC PAZDZIORA

WELCOME

REV. JENNIFER FENNER

WORDS OF GRACE

PSALM 46 : 1-2

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah*

OPENING HYMN

Blessed Assurance · UMH 369

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *(Refrain)*

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
(Refrain)

OPENING PRAYER

REV. JENNIFER FENNER

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 THESSALONIANS 4 : 14

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, we also believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. "He will wipe every tear... for the old order of things has passed away."

SCRIPTURE READING

REVELATION 14 : 13

"And I heard a voice from heaven telling me to write, 'Blessed are the dead — those who die in the Lord from this moment on.' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'they will rest from their labors, for their deeds will follow them.'"

REFLECTIONS FROM FAMILY

Velma (*daughter*) · Ryan and Grace (*grandkids*) · Noel (*son*)

WORDS OF COMFORT FROM CLERGY

PASTOR MATHEW SIMON

Hope International Christian Fellowship

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Great Is Thy Faithfulness · UMH 140

1. “Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my
Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they
fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

“Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy
faithfulness!”
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
—
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and
harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(Refrain)

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand
beside! *(Refrain)*

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14 : 1–3

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.”

MESSAGE

REV. JENNIFER FENNER

SPECIAL MUSIC IN RESPONSE

DR. ERIC PAZDZIORA

CLOSING

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HYMN

It Is Well with My Soul · UMH 377

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials
should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

(Refrain)

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious
thought!

My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Refrain)

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith
shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall
descend,
even so, it is well with my soul. *(Refrain)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PASTOR GLADWIN SINGH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR GLADWIN SINGH

prayed in unison

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

RECESSIONAL INSTRUMENTAL

When We All Get to Heaven · UMH 701

DR. ERIC PAZDZIORA

SERVICE OF COMMITTAL



INTERMENT

Parklawn Memorial Park Cemetery
12800 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, Maryland

CELEBRATION OF LIFE RECEPTION

Please join us for fellowship and a meal at the Plaza Ballroom,
Hilton Rockville · 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland,
immediately following the burial service.

OFFICIANTS



OFFICIATING PASTORS

Rev. Jennifer Fenner, Lead Pastor
Epworth United Methodist Church

Pastor Mathew Simon
Hope International Christian Fellowship

Pastor Gladwin Singh

WORSHIP LEADER

Dr. Eric Pazdziora
Organ and Piano

O B I T U A R Y



Clifford Obed Briscoe, aged 92, peacefully entered eternal rest on August 17, 2026. A devoted follower of Christ, he lived a life marked by faith, kindness, and service. Born in 1934, he was the beloved youngest son of Rev. Edward Hamilton Briscoe and Grace Briscoe. He grew up in a loving Christian home with 4 elder brothers and 1 sister. He met the love of his life, Gloria, at a friend's house and later visited her in a hospital. He brought her flowers and fruits that impressed her. He brought her gifts without knowing that she was working far away from her family, felt alone, and like him had lost her father at a very young age. This year they celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

Clifford grew up in Lucknow, India under the care of his eldest brother and church-going mother, both of whom instilled in him the value of faith and service. He found a job at Ingraham Institute, close to Delhi. There he was in-charge of the boys' boarding program and school activities. The Institute was founded and run by the United Methodist missionaries. He then became a Physical Education Teacher at Government Higher Secondary School-Civil Lines in Delhi. Later, he was introduced to information technology in the 1980s at ADP, then moved to MAMSI where he ultimately retired. Epworth became his first church in the U.S. in 1979. He regularly attended church, and he and Gloria have remained its members to date. He would meet people in various places, from different walks of life, and would invite them to tea or snack or a meal. He helped countless people and asked for nothing in return. He engaged in life with a seriousness of purpose, while remaining honest in character and joyful in nature.

He was an avid chess player and would not even let his grandchildren beat him for fun. He loved hunting, showing off his show dogs, raising pigeons (including messenger pigeons), chicken, rabbits, parakeets, all kinds of fish, and for a while had a parrot. He was a fixer-upper of all kinds of things in the house and to his sewing skills there was no match.

Clifford dedicated his life to God and strived to live with faith in Jesus. He was devoted to his family, his work, and his church community, serving wherever he could and always faithfully. He will always be remembered for his gentle spirit, quiet demeanor, and unwavering commitment to helping those in need. His legacy continues through his beloved wife Gloria, his children, grandchildren, extended family, and all who knew him.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Mrs. Gloria Briscoe and the family of Mr. Clifford Briscoe wishes to express heartfelt thanks for your prayers, love, and support during this time. Your presence today is a comfort and blessing. Know that he loved each and every one of you.

He would want you to know,
“Hum thik hain” (I am fine).



“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

2 TIMOTHY 4 : 7

The Kingdom of Heaven welcomes him home.