

# IN MEMORIAM



Gabriel Clayton Clark  
May 8, 1997 – January 9, 2023

Congregational Church of Hollis  
Hollis, New Hampshire  
April 8, 2023

## Order of Service

Prelude Music		Carla Carney
Processional*	<i>If I Had Words for You</i> by Saint-Saëns & Hodge	Carla Carney
Presentation of the Colors*		Hollis Troop 12 Color Guard
Words of Greeting & Opening Prayers		Rev. Robert Fellows
Hymn*	<i>Nearer, My God, to Thee</i> (see insert)	Congregation
Scripture	John 9:1-3	Caleb Clark

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

Song	<i>Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam</i>	Cordelia, Obadiah, & Ariel Clark
Reading	Selections from <i>Hank Zipzer</i> by Henry Winkler	Samuel Burgess
Remarks		A. Barrett Clark
Poem	Sonnet No. 19, <i>On his Blindness</i> , by John Milton	Leanna Fugate

When I consider how my light is spent,  
 Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide,  
 And that one Talent which is death to hide  
 Lodged with me useless, though my Soul more bent

To serve therewith my Maker, and present  
 My true account, lest he returning chide;  
 “Doth God exact day-labour, light denied?”  
 I fondly ask. But patience, to prevent

That murmur, soon replies, “God doth not need  
 Either man’s work or his own gifts; who best  
 Bear his mild yoke, they serve him best. His state

Is Kingly. Thousands at his bidding speed  
 And post o’er Land and Ocean without rest:  
 They also serve who only stand and wait.”

Instrumental          Selection from *Requiem* in D-minor by W.A. Mozart      Portia Silver  
Poem                    *A Prayer for My Son* by W.B. Yeats                                      Ariel Silver

Bid a strong ghost stand at the head  
That my Michael may sleep sound,  
Nor cry, nor turn in the bed  
Till his morning meal come round;  
And may departing twilight keep  
All dread afar till morning's back,  
That his mother may not lack  
Her fill of sleep.

Bid the ghost have sword in fist:  
Some there are, for I avow  
Suh devilish things exist,  
Who have planned his murder, for they know  
Of some most haughty deed or thought  
That waits upon his future days,  
And would through hatred of the bays  
Bring that to nought

Though You can fashion everything  
From nothing every day, and teach  
The morning stars to sing,  
You have lacked articulate speech  
To tell Your simplest want, and known,  
Wailing upon a woman's knee,  
All of that worst ignominy  
Of flesh and bone;

And when through all the town there ran  
The servants of Your enemy,  
A woman and a man,  
Unless the Holy Writings lie,  
Hurried through the smooth and rough  
And through the fertile and waste,  
Protecting, till the danger past,  
With human love.

Remarks		Randall Clark
Hymn*	<i>Come, Come, Ye Saints</i> (see insert)	Congregation
Remarks		Rev. Robert Fellows
Prayers of Thanksgiving & Commendation		Rev. Robert Fellows
Song	<i>Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide</i>	Allison Thurber, Lydia, Miriam, & Cassandra Silver
Benediction		Rev. Robert Fellows
Recessional*	<i>Circle of Life</i> by Elton John	Carla Carney
Pallbearers	Alden Barrett Clark Clayton Shirl Fugate Stewart Clark Silver	Caleb Fugate Clark Samuel Ray Burgess Elijah Joseph Clark

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

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Gabriel's remains will be buried in Hollis' East Cemetery off of Wheeler Road immediately following this service. All are invited to attend. Following interment there will be no reception.

In lieu thereof, we will tomorrow host an Easter luncheon at noon at the Lawrence Barn in Hollis, where we will take delight in the joy that Gabriel brought into our lives. All are welcome to come and share their memories and hunt for colored eggs laid by his chickens. Please respond to <baldwin@randallclark.org>.

Posted to <[www.randallclark.org/gabriel.html](http://www.randallclark.org/gabriel.html)> are an obituary and many photographs from Gabriel's life. From time to time we will update this website with additional memories.

Gabriel's family wishes to express its gratitude to those who have assisted with these memorial services. Deeply, too, do we want to thank the many others, known to us and not, who helped Gabriel experience a joyful and blessed life. He knew of your love.