The Wells Family is grateful and honored to have Cantus perform today at Richard's memorial service.

"How Can I Keep From Singing" by Robert Wadsworth Lowry

"What A Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong

"How Great Thou Art" by Carl Boberg

## **Cantus**

Jacob Christopher, tenor

Paul John Rudoi, tenor

Rod Kelly Hines, baritone

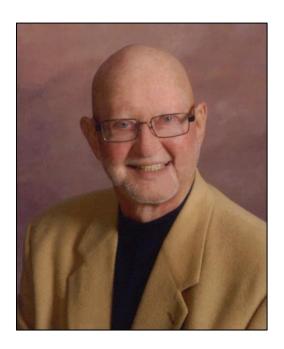
Samuel Bohlander-Green, bass

Chris Foss, bass

On behalf of the extended family, we thank you for the care, grace and support you have offered to us as we gather to celebrate Dad's life and accomplishments. We are touched and grateful to see all of you today.

– Karen and Sarah

## First Congregational United Church of Christ River Falls, Wisconsin September 7, 2024



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RICHARD "ZEKE" LEROY WELLS

APRIL 29, 1933 – AUGUST 18, 2024

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## REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF RICHARD "ZEKE" LEROY WELLS

**PRELUDE** 

WORDS OF WELCOME AND PROMISE AND RINGING OF THE BELL

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Almighty God, from whom we come, and to whom our spirits return: you have been our dwelling place in all generations. You are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble. Grant us your blessing in this hour, and enable us to put our trust in you that our spirits may grow calm and our hearts be comforted. Lift our eyes beyond the shadows of earth and help us to see the light of eternity. So may we find grace and strength for this and every time of need; through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.

\*HYMN "Shall We Gather at the River" (insert)

**OPENING PRAYER** 

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Lamentations 3

Matthew 5

WORDS OF LIFE Richard's Family and Friends

SPECIAL MUSIC "How Can I Keep From Singing" Cantus

WORDS OF FAITH Rev. Chris Myers

SPECIAL MUSIC "What A Wonderful World" Cantus

PSALM 23 (UNISON)

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 paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest 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.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
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 debts as we forgive
our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

\*HYMN "I'll Fly Away" (insert)

COMMENDATION AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

Chris Myers, Pastor Marsha Pearson, Pianist Cheri Sykes, Pianist Nikki Lemire, Harpist

Please stand when noted by the \*

The family invites you to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a lunch to be served immediately following the service. Private interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery later today.