## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prelude** Alan Choy

Welcome and Prayer Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney

Call to Worship Psalm 150 from Psalms for Praying by Nan Merrill

\*Hymn Morning Has Broken

**Reading** We Thought of You Today Mariah Castle

Special Music Over the Rainbow SRHS Jazz Chorus Singers

Ellie Brode

Kendra Chung Alex Paloglou Xita Dutch Taylor Smith Wichika Ly Maia Sullivan

Yasmeen Monalili Director - Cindy Chung

Scripture Readings | | Samuel 16:14-18,23

Ephesians 5:19-20

**Meditation** Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney

Special Music Mercy, Mercy, Mercy SRHS Jazz Combo

Álto Sax - Jadé Beltran, Kendra Chung Tenor Sax - Estelle Engelskirchen, Eliza Gould

Keyboard - Brendan Bacon Bass - James Dalpino Drums - John Brode Director - Marcia Miget Family Reflections

Darren Castle
Kent Castle
Kris Castle
Nicole Dube

Special Music Bach Cello Suite No. 1 - Prelude Anne Lerner - Wright - cello

Reflections

Mike Hyams
Jason Borman
Georgia Crowe
Suzanne Truett

A Visual Remembrance

Special Music Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Marcia Miget - saxaphone

Prayer

**\*Hymn** Here I Am, Lord by Dan Schutte

\*Blessing Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney

Postlude Alan Choy

\*Please stand if you are able.

Please wear masks in the sanctuary during the service

Worship Leaders

Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney, Pastor Alan Choy, pianist

All are invited to a reception hosted by the Deacons of First Presbyterian Church. Refreshments will be served both on the outdoor patio and in Canoles Hall.

## Sean Alexander Castle

March 28, 1978 - June 28, 2021

Sean Castle, a beloved San Rafael High School (SRHS) music teacher, passed away unexpectedly June 28th at age 43 due to an apparent heart condition. He spent his entire career in education at SRHS, where he shared the joys of music with thousands of students, staff and families for 20 years. While promoting an award-winning music program he helped create, Sean was an ambassador for the school, projecting positive energy through music at games, graduations, parades and community venues. He was a student at SRHS and became head of the school's music department upon graduating from UCLA.

His impact on those he touched, especially students, is reflected through a sampling of their reflections of Sean. "Sean was the musical soul of our school." "He was the first adult in my life that made me feel like a real human being." "Through music, he was able to welcome so many of us students into his heart." "He cared so much about creating that safe accepting environment for us." "Every time I stepped into the music room, I found a place of comfort."

As someone who couldn't get enough of life, his passions were many beyond music and teaching. A few of these were preparing meals for others, camping, golf, the Giants, and backgammon. He had an attitude based on gratitude for he clearly appreciated the gifts of others and the goodness that surrounded him. He gave love and felt loved.

Sean lived in Sausalito with his dear fiancé, Nicole Dube. He is survived by his mother Kris Castle, his brother Darren and his father Kent Castle. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be given in memory of Sean to the SRHS Music Boosters.

## You Can Shed Tears by David Harkins

You can shed tears that he is gone.

And you can smile because he has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back.

And you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him. And you can be full of the love that you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday.

And you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

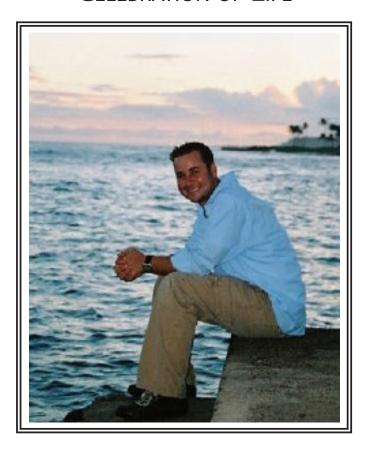
You can remember him and only that he is gone.

And you can cherish his memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back.

And you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE



SEAN ALEXANDER CASTLE March 28, 1978 – June 28, 2021

July 24, 2021

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