



a celebration of









# Joaquin "Jocko" Fajardo

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023







Live to the point of tears
- Camus









# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE Joaquin "Jocko" Fajardo

Saturday, November 4, 2023 Foundry United Methodist Church

## PRELUDE MUSIC

#### **PRAYER**

Rev. Lisa Saunders Ahuja Rector, St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Dupont Circle

#### **WELCOME AND READING 1**

Mary Hampton Mason
"When Great Trees Fall" by Maya Angelou

#### **READING 2**

Jason Coleman

"In Lieu of Flowers" by Shawna Lemay

## **TRIBUTE 1:**

## JOCKO MADE THE WORLD MORE CARING

Jayme Birgy

## **MUSIC**

"If I Can Help Somebody"

Music by Alma Bazel Androzzo

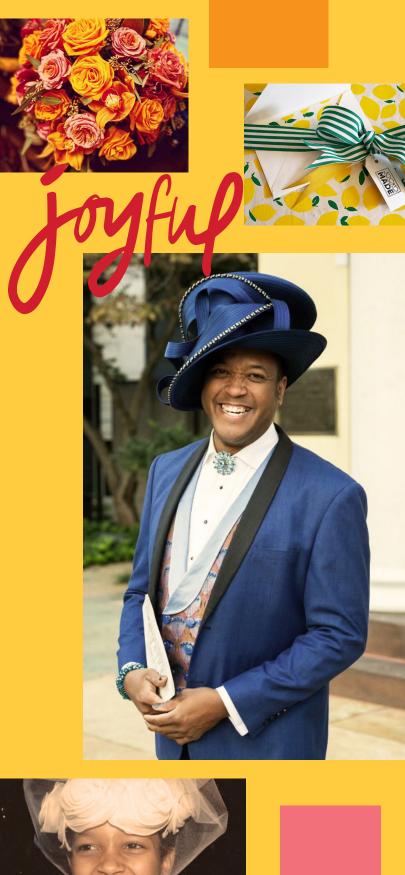
Arranged by Doris Arnold

Performed by Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC

Thea Kano, conductor

Joval Martin, soloist

Michael Lodico, piano





## A MESSAGE TO THE FAMILY

Reggie Greer

Senior Advisor to the U.S. Special Envoy to Advance the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons,

U.S. Department of State

#### TRIBUTE 2:

JOCKO MADE THE WORLD MORE JOYFUL

Aaron Polkey and Dito E. Sevilla

### TRIBUTE 3:

JOCKO MADE THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE

Jake Kuhns

#### TRIBUTE 4:

JOCKO MADE THE WORLD MORE BEAUTIFUL

Ryan Williams

## **MUSIC**

"Pure Imagination"

from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

Music and Lyrics by

Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley

Dana Nearing, soloist

Cory Claussen, piano

#### **TRIBUTE 5:**

JOCKO MADE FAMILY

Josecarlos Ximenez

## **TRIBUTE 6:**

JOCKO MADE COMMUNITY

Daryl Judy







The best days of your life can't happen without you there. Live intentionally.
Live with presence.

- Yung Pueblo





#### **MUSIC**

Traditional Hymn Lyrics by John Newton

"Amazing Grace"

Cory Claussen, piano

Sung by Congregation

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

When we've been there ten thousand years Bright, shining as the sun We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we first begun

## **SERMON**

Bishop Gene Robinson

## **MUSIC**

"Sunday"

from Sunday in the Park with George Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim Performed by Seasons of Love

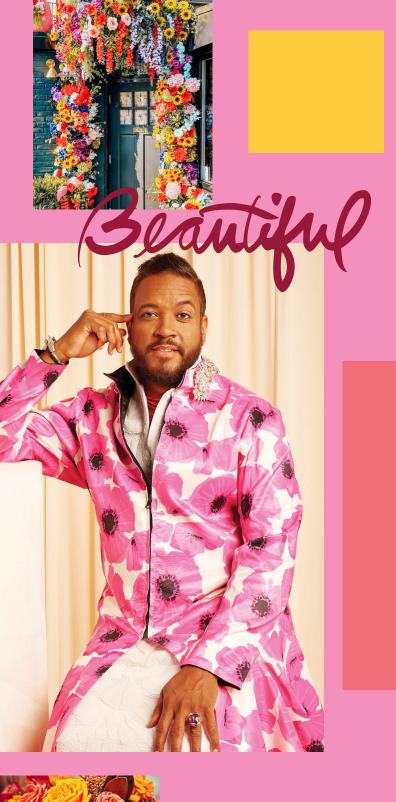
(of Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC)

Ronté Pierce, conductor

Alexander Domini, soloist

Kevin Huang, piano

Stage Direction by Will Gartshore









## MOURNER'S KADDISH

Ari Lipman

## THE COMMENDATION AND BENEDICTION

Bishop Gene Robinson

## **POSTLUDE MUSIC**

Order.

Design.

Tension.

Balance.

Harmony.

- Stephen Sondheim





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Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself



### **USHERS:**

Mike Almy, David Bediz, Adam Crocini, Jeanine Haas-Crocini, Patrick Decker, Gary Duke, Mike Fila, Siegmund Fuchs, Eric Hildebrand, Stephan Hengst, Jade Thomas Nelson, and Ted Wells

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To learn more about the fashions displayed in the foyer and the music featured in the service, please visit JockoMade.com.



This program's design was inspired by Jocko's home—a place that exemplified all of the ways he made the world more caring, joyful, and beautiful... how he created family and community... and how he made the impossible possible.





Your life will pass one way or another. The events that will unfold are the events that will unfold, you will meet who you are meant to, you will find the opportunities you need. The choice is not what you experience, but how. How is everything. How is golden. How closes doors and it opens them. How creates something out of nothing. It is not the years we live, but how we live them. It is not who we cross paths with, but how we love them. It is not what we are given or not, but how we take what's in front of us and turn it into all we ever needed it to be. It is how we experience life - day in, and day out, in the quietest moments and biggest ways. The how is the way. - Brianna Wiest







