WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Jay Reohr June 20, 1955 - November 17, 2022



Tuesday, November 29, 2022 10am Service

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Votum *Please speak the bold text aloud*

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **Amen.** *Psalm 124:8*

Sentences

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live. And those who live and believe in me shall never die."

John 11: 25-26

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Romans 14: 7-8

Greeting

May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. *II Peter 1:2*

Statement of Purpose

Song "Where There Is Love"

Prayer

Psalter Readings Psalm 31:1-5; 19-24

Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

Gospel Reading John 14:1-6; 6:40

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 darkest valley, I 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 my whole life long.

A Message of Hope John 15:12-17

Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ who has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Song

"Amazing Grace"

Remembrance

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Prayer of Commendation Please rise in body or in spirit

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Joseph.

Acknowledge, we pray,
a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.

Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

(Interment will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

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'd first begun.

Service Leadership:

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston,

Rev. John Paarlberg,

Rev. Trey Tirpak

Musician: Glenn Claydon

Jay Reohr 1955 - 2022

With profound sadness we mourn the passing of Joseph H. Reohr, III (Jay) of Halfmoon. Jay passed away peacefully on November 17, 2022, surrounded by his loving family, after a short, but heroic battle with Stage 4 Hodgkin's. Born in Albany, NY in 1955, he was the son of the late Joseph H. Reohr, Jr. and Jean M. (Renak) Reohr.

A graduate of Albany High School, Delhi College, and the University of Syracuse at Utica, Jay received a BS in Construction Management. Jay began his career with Tougher Industries (1979-2006) where he was a Mechanical Estimator. He joined Turner Construction in 2006 as a Senior MEP Estimator where he worked tirelessly for 15 years. He continually postponed retirement because he truly enjoyed his work and the people he worked with.

Jay's greatest joy was spending time with his family, particularly in Ogunquit, Maine. A lover of sun, sea, and nature, Jay was an avid and skilled photographer who captured his love of the outdoors. He enjoyed kayaking, woodworking and his Saturday mornings watching "This Old House" with Kim and his Dunkin coffee. Jay was adored by his family and friends. He was our companion and caretaker. He was always willing to help anyone in need. He was an active member of First Church in Albany where he served as Elder, Deacon, reader, and member of many committees.

As a devoted husband and best friend, Jay shared a love story with Kim (Swasey) Reohr for more than 42 years. They were blessed with two sons Daniel Reohr of Latham and Stephen Reohr of Halfmoon who were taught well from their father how to be a good man. In 2015 Daniel married Shannon (Mott) and Jay's daughter-in-law quickly became his "favorite child". Jay beamed as Best Grandpa Ever to Logan and Evan Reohr. Jay is also survived by his sisters Janice Monaghan (Peter), Tyrell Bushnell (John), JoAnn Groat (Jay), his brother Chris Reohr (Jennifer), his Aunt Ardeth (late Uncle Fred) Crounse and his cousin Connie Myers; along with many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind too many friends to mention.

Jay's family is thankful to his doctors and nurses at Samaritan Hospital and NYOH and the staff at Turner Construction for their support.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to Camp Fowler, 1790 Grand Blvd., Schenectady, NY 12309.

