

*A Service of Witness to the Resurrection*

# EDWARD ANDREW MONDORE



**DECEMBER 2, 1956 - NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

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**Prelude**

“*Adagio*”  
“*Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring*”

Tomaso Albinoni  
J.S. Bach

**Greeting**

**Scripture 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*

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,  
we were baptized into his death.  
**We were buried with him by baptism into death,  
so that, as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.**  
For if we have been united with Christ  
in a death like his,  
**we will certainly be united with him  
in a resurrection like his.**

*Romans 6:3-5*

In his baptism, Andrew was clothed with Christ;  
**In the day of Christ’s coming,  
he shall be clothed with glory.**

**\*Hymn**

“*Arise, Your Light Is Come*”  
(see p. 4)

FESTAL SONG

**Statement of Purpose**

**Words of Remembrance**

Kokese Ballou, Susan Kerr, Monica Marsh

**Prayer**

**Psalter Reading**

Psalm 46

**Hymn**

“*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*”  
(see p. 5)

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**Scripture Readings**

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15  
Micah 6: 1-8  
Matthew 5: 1-11

## Sermon

### \*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### 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, for ever. Amen.

\*Hymn "Be Still, My Soul" finlandia  
(see p. 6)

\*Commendation

\*Postlude "A Mighty Fortress" Michael Praetorius

The service will continue with **THE ORDER FOR COMMITTAL** in Clee Park.

**Note:** The family invites you to join them for a luncheon in Zimmerman Hall after the committal service is concluded.

**Preacher:** Rev. John Paarlberg, Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston and Rev. Trey Tirpak  
**Organist:** Gloria Norton  
**Audio/Visual:** Joshua Bliss and Stephen Reohr

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# 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974  
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894  
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FESTAL SONG  
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(this tune in a lower key, 815)

# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 2 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 3 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 4 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 2 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 3 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 4 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 be thou our guard while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

## 819

## Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

TEXT: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

# Edward Andrew "Andy" Mondore Obituary

Andy Mondore, 67, died unexpectedly after a long illness on Sunday, November 3, 2024. Born in Albany, he was the beloved son of the late Joline C. and Edward Mondore. He was born and raised in Albany, graduated from the former Saint Agnes School. He enrolled at RPI and earned both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Computer Science. He retired from RPI in 2020 after 39 years. He was a RPI Engineer for life!



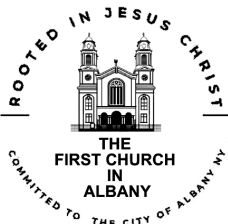
Andy was an avid fan of RPI Hockey, the Valley Cats and Boston Red Sox – he and his wife, Becky, spent many weekends rooting the Engineers to victory with their hockey friends or making the trek to Boston to watch the Red Sox play or going to the Valley Cats games. They also attended many shows at MacHaydn Theatre and sang songs on their way back home. Andy was enamored with space exploration and often went to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama to spend a week in simulations for astronauts. As a computer guru, he had his Linux computer set up so that NASA could use the memory of his computer for space exploration – way before the time of super computers. Andy thoroughly enjoyed spending time at Hedges Lake with family and friends in the summer months.

Andy was a faithful member of the First Church in Albany where he served as Deacon, Elder, Trustee, a member of the choir and advisor to the Jr and Sr High Youth Groups with his long-time friend Monica Marsh Sivaslian. There are many stories of workcamps, lock-ins, service projects and just hanging out with the youth. He was a volunteer cabin counselor at Camp Fowler for many years and kept in touch with many of the youth from his cabins. He is much loved by many generations of church youth. Andy was President of the Albany Classis of the Reformed Church in America in 2006 and was an active member of the Synod Ministries Board. He is known for his calm presence, welcoming personality, and service to the community.

Andy is survived by his adored wife Rebecca S. Keller and cherished son Zaquan (Zora) West. He is predeceased by his parents and aunt, Alayne DiFranco. Andy had a tremendous love for family and friends. He is survived by close cousins Sonny (Janet) and Dennis DiFranco, and Jim and Vincent (Marissa) Lounello as well as other cousins around the Albany area. He is survived by close friends Monica Marsh Sivaslian, Kim Reohr, Nicole Sivaslian, Steven Reohr, Josh Bliss and predeceased by Wayne Sivaslian and Jay Reohr. Much laughter and love surrounded Andy when he was with family and friends.

The family would like to thank the late Dr. Earl Zimmerman, Dr. Danielle Wales and Nancy Cummings for their care and support throughout Andy's medical journey. For the last 2 years, Andy resided at Peregrine Colonie Senior Living where he was well loved and taken care of. The family would like to thank all the staff at Peregrine Colonie for their love and tenderness as they cared for Andy and supported Becky – they became an extended family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of E. Andrew Mondore to the Annual Fund Scholars Program at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute ([giving.rpi.edu](http://giving.rpi.edu) or mailed to RPI Gifts Processing Center PO Box 3164 Boston, MA 02241-3164), First Church in Albany Youth Fund (110 N Pearl St, Albany, NY 12207), or the charity of one's choice.



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