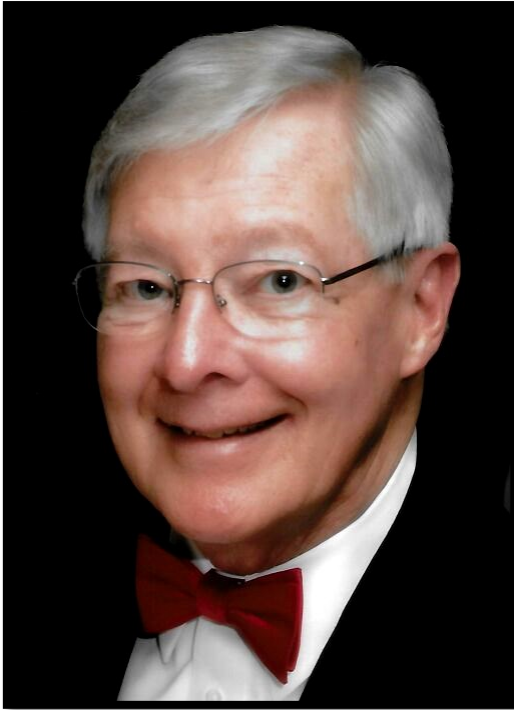


# WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Steven E. Hoffman

March 20, 1941 ~ September 29, 2022



Sunday, October 16, 2022  
3pm Service

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**Prelude**

“Be Still, My Soul”

**FINLANDIA**

**Votum** *Psalm 124:8 Please speak the bold text aloud*

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

**Salutation** *Revelation 1:4-5*

Grace be to you and peace,  
from [God] who is and who was and who is to  
come...  
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead  
and ruler of the kings of the earth.

**\*Opening Hymn** “*It Is Well with My Soul*”

**Statement of Purpose**

**Prayer for Comfort and Illumination**

**Psalter Readings** Psalm 62:1-2, 8

**Old Testament Readings** Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

**Epistle Readings** Romans 8:18, 28, 31-39

**Gospel Readings** Matthew 6:25-33

**Homily**

**Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth  
on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

## **Our Song of Hope**

### **Remembrance**

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**\*Prayer of Commendation** *Please rise in body or in spirit*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior,  
we commend your servant Steven Hoffman.  
Acknowledge, we pray,  
a sheep of your own fold,  
a lamb of your own flock,  
a sinner of your own redeeming.  
Receive her into the arms of your mercy,  
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

**\*Closing Hymn** “*Onward, Christian Soldiers*”

**Postlude** “*Eternal Father (Navy Hymn)*”

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*Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston, officiating; Iteke Prins, organist*

*Committal will take place Monday, October 17, 2022.*

*Roger Hoffman wishes to thank everyone for remembering the life and legacy of his dear brother Steven E. Hoffman. Due to Roger's own illness, he was not able to attend today's service. Please keep Roger in your prayers.*

## It Is Well with My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my  
way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to  
say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to  
live:  
If Jordan above me shall roll,  
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in  
life  
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

But, Lord, 'tis for Thee, for thy coming  
we wait,  
The sky not the grave, is our goal;  
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the  
Lord!  
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul!