

**Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
Robert “Bob” Allyne Williams**

June 28, 1941 – July 7, 2023

Date of Service: July 23, 2023, 2:00 pm

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

+Hymn *How Great Thou Art* UMH #77

Psalm 23 (unison)

**The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will 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 will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Revelation 22:1-5

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

John 14:1-4

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Remembering Bob

Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

+Hymn *On Eagles’ Wings* UMH #143

Family Reflection

Community Reflection

+Hymn *Amazing Grace* UMH #378

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

Commendation

+Benediction

+Hymn *Shall We Gather at the River* UMH #723

Postlude

Northfield United Methodist Church
Pastor Rachel McIver Morey
Joanne Rodland, Organist

They said "you'll never make it",
and they thought that they were right,
But I kept on plodding onward,
because I hoped I might.

And they shook their heads in wonder,
that I lacked the sense to quit,
But I held my chin up higher,
and I didn't mind a bit.

They said "you'll never make it",
as the problem multiplied,
But I had to make an effort,
and to know at least I tried.

So I dug my heels in deeper,
though sometimes my spirits lagged,
And I shouldered what was the lightest,
and the rest I sort of dragged.

And I found to my amazement,
at the ending of the day,
That what they said I couldn't,
I had managed anyway.

It only took three little words,
"Lord help me", and I rid
Myself of doubt,
and all they said I'd never do... I did.

Grace E. Easley



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