

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Robert James Miller

March 3, 1941–January 28, 2027

Tuesday, February 2, 2027 at 11:00 AM

Grace United Methodist Church, Springfield, Illinois

GATHERING

Prelude

Processional

Words of welcome

Welcome. We gather today to remember Robert, to give thanks to God for a life that touched so many of us, and to comfort one another in our grief.

We come with sorrow and with love. We also come with the hope that death does not have the last word.

Let us begin with prayer.

Opening prayer

Hymn

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! (how sweet the sound)

That sav'd a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears reliev'd;

How precious did that grace appear,

The hour I first believ'd!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,

I have already come;

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

The LORD has promis'd good to me,

His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be,

As long as life endures.

THE WORD

Old Testament reading

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

King James Version

New Testament reading

John 14:1-6

In my Father's house are many rooms

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

King James Version

REMEMBERING

Obituary

Eulogy

Special music

Message of comfort

Hymn

PRAYERS

Prayers

For Robert, whose life we remember today. We thank you, God, for every year we were given together. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the family, who carry this loss most closely. Hold them in your love and give them rest when the days are long. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For everyone here who grieves. Let us find comfort in one another and in your presence. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who cared for Robert in their last days. Bless their hands and their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For ourselves, that we may live with the faith and love we saw in Robert, and trust that nothing can separate us from your love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Please join in the Lord's Prayer.

COMMENDATION

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Benediction

Recessional

AFTER THE SERVICE

Committal

Acknowledgment

The family of Robert thanks you for every prayer, card, call, visit, flower and meal in these days. Your kindness has carried us.

Thank you for being here today to remember with us.

Reception

