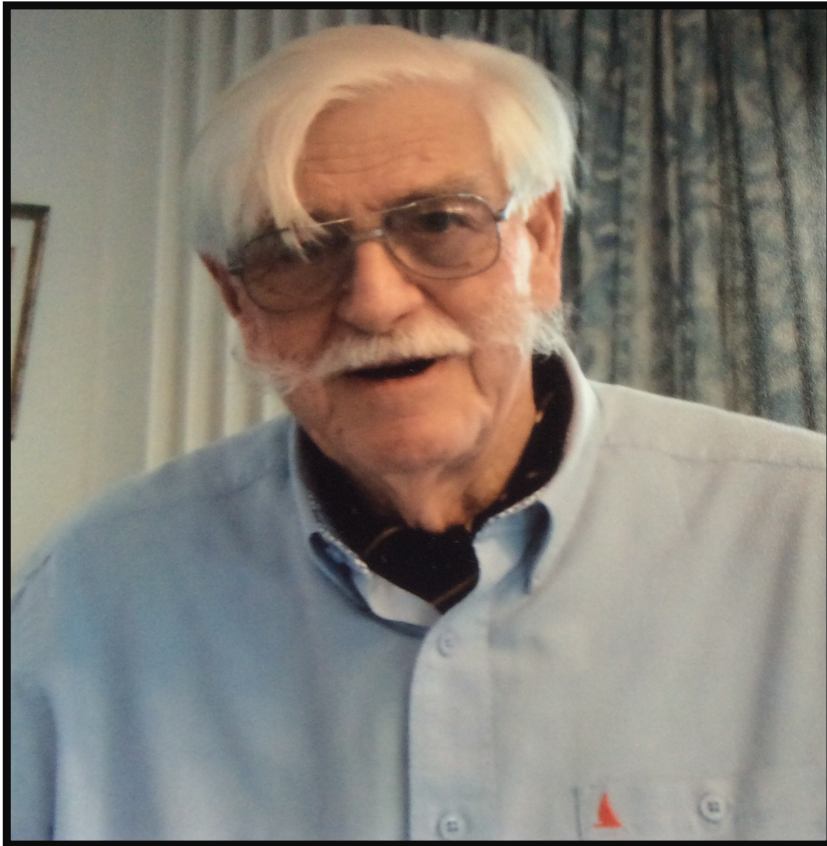


A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Thursday, 19 May 2022



Rex J. Woodgate

2 July 1926—15 June 2021

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LIME ROCK, CT

Prelude: "The Lord is my Shepherd" by Christine Gevert
"If ye love me" by Thomas Tallis
"Alta Trinita Beata" anonymous Italian, 16th century

Pastor Heidi The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Heidi Let us pray together;

God our Father, we thank you that you have made each of us in your own image, and given us gifts and talents with which to serve you. We thank you for Rex, the years shared with him, the good we saw in him, the love received from him. God, give us peace in our hearts as we leave Rex in your care, confident in your promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn "There's a wideness in God's mercy"

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple
we should take Him at his word,
and our lives would all be sunshine

in the sweetness of our Lord.
Fearful souls, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander
From a love so true and deep?
There is welcome for the sinner
and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior,
there is healing in his blood.

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

read by Judy Johnson Gruttman

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *King James Version*

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.**

Hymn “Jerusalem”

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark Satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold
Bring me my arrows of desire
Bring me my spear! Oh, clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire
I will not cease from mental fight
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Til we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land!

Eulogy

Dave Linfoot

Remembrances

Nick Candee and Elaine Walker Fiske

Nick Candee to remember other AMOC East members lost in the last two years, personified by Theo Gruttman, one of the first people Nick met at his first “Lime Rock” in 1977.

Pastor Heidi Let us make our personal thanksgiving to God for all that Rex,
and our friends who we remember today, have meant to us.

Please lift up your own prayers silently or aloud. And then to conclude our prayers:

Pastor Heidi And so gathering up all our gratitude for the past and our hopes
for the future we say together

***People* For all the lives of those we have loved and who have loved
us, we give thanks for them and are grateful for our
memories. Amen.**

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 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, and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

Concluding prayer

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last. Amen.

Hymn “For all the Saints”

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor Heidi Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor Heidi Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20, 21

Postlude: Organ improvisation on tune *Sine Nomine*



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