

Service of Celebration of the Life of
Christopher Jeffrey Grogan
June 18, 1956 – November 26, 2021



Saturday, December 11, 2021

11:00 AM

Wellesley Village Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymns marked "NCH" are found in the black hymnal.

Those marked "PH" are found in the red hymnal.

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Kristjon Imperio

WELCOME Rev. Pam Emslie

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Jeff. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save (The Navy Hymn)"

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the
restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean
deep
Its own appointed limits keep,
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea!**

**Eternal Father, grant, we pray,
To all Marines, both night and day,
The courage, honor, strength, and
skill
Their land to serve, thy law fulfill;
Be thou the shield forevermore
From every peril to the Corps.**

THE PROMISES OF GOD

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

John 3:16-17

Romans 8:38-39

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I 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 shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

*HYMN PH 8

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

- William Bissell, *Jeff's Brother-in-Law* “Reflections on Jeff”
Alison Grogan, *Jeff's Daughter* “I Am Standing Upon the Seashore”
Katie Grogan, *Jeff's Daughter* “Dad-isms”
Rick Grogan, *Jeff's Brother* “Sea Fever”
*Hymn NCH 277 “Holy, Holy, Holy” vv. 1,2&4
Bob Henderson, Nobles '76 - *Jeff's friend and retired Head of School* Eulogy
The ‘Old’ Nobleonians “Be True to Your School”
Led by John Gifford, Nobles '86
Gregg Petersmeyer, *Jeff's Brother-in-Law* Remembrance

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Kristjon Imperio

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-6a

Rev. Julie Petersmeyer

HOMILY

Rev. Pam Emslie

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMENDATION

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever.
Amen.**

***HYMN**

"Navy Blue and Gold"

**Now colleges from sea to sea
May sing of colors true,
But who has better right than we
To hoist a symbol hue?
For sailors brave in battle fair
Since fighting days of old,
Have proved the sailor's right to
wear
The Navy Blue & Gold.**

**Four years together by the Bay,
Where Severn joins the tide,
Then by the Service called away,
We've scattered far and wide;
But still when two or three shall
meet,
And old tales be retold,
From low to highest in the Fleet,
We'll pledge the Blue and Gold.**

*At the conclusion of the hymn, an enthusiastic cheer: **BEAT ARMY!***

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Pam Emslie

POSTLUDE

“Amazing Grace”

Kristjon Imperio

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Officiants: Rev. Pam Emslie

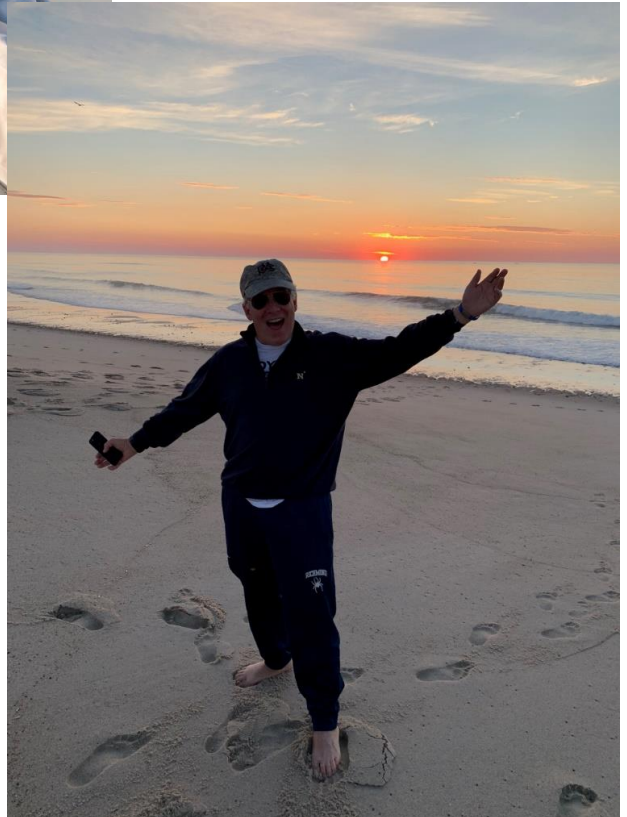
Rev. Megan Berkowitz

Organist: Kristjon Imperio

Vocalist: Mauri Tetreault

Wellesley Village Church welcomes Jeff's family and friends for this time of sacred memorial. Following the service, please join the family at Woodlawn Cemetery for an interment with military honors. A reception will follow at Weston Golf Club.





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