

A MEMORIAL SERVICE

FOR

ROBERT I. THOMAS

January 6, 1929 – November 27, 2011



Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Corinthians 15:55-58

A Service Celebrating God's Faithfulness in the Life of
Robert I. Thomas

December 5, 2011

Prelude

Scripture Sentences

Dr. William S. Barker

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Psalm 148 (p.448)

Rev. Ryan Laughlin

Hymn *O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth*

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Scripture Reading Psalm 46 (p.403)
Psalm 90 (p.424)
Psalm 91 (p.424)

Dr. Bryan Chapell
Dr. David Jones
Dr. Joseph Hall

Hymn *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

#87
vv.3&4 sung a capella

Scripture Reading Hebrews 9:22-28 (p.850)
1 Corinthians 15: 50-57 (p.815)
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (p.836)
Revelation 21:1-7 (p.879)
Romans 8:18-23, 31-39 (p.800)

Dr. Bryan Chapell
Dr. David Jones
Dr. Joseph Hall

Hymn *Jesus Lives, and So Shall I*

#706

Reading of Obituary

Dr. Bryan Chapell

Hymn *How Happy Are They Who Their Savior Obey*
This hymn was sung by Mr. Thomas' grandmother to his mother

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Homily

Dr. William S. Barker

Hymn *When He Cometh, When He Cometh*

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Benediction

Rev. Ryan Laughlin

Postlude

☪ ☪ Pall Bearers ☪ ☪

Mr. Jeff Dare
Dr. Joseph H. Hall
Mr. Barry Kadlub

Mr. Tim Hall
Mr. Jeff Klinger
Dr. Dennis Munson

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Robert Irving Thomas was born on January 6, 1929 in St. Francis, Kansas to Rev. Burrus and Marie Thomas. He grew up there, with an older brother and sister, being active in the church and its organizations, and helping with the family dairy operations. He developed a lifetime interest in his home community. Bob graduated from the Augusta, Kansas High School, from Tabor College, and from Covenant Theological Seminary. For 12 years he pastored the Cumberland Community Church in Augusta. For more than 22 years he served as Registrar at Covenant Seminary. An entire generation of students came to understand loyalty, humility and service to Christ by how Bob Thomas cared so well for so many with so little.

How Happy Are They Who Their Saviour Obey

Charles Wesley

Lowell Mason

1. How hap - py are they who their Sav - iour o -
2. This com - fort is mine, since the fa - vor di -
3. Now my rem - nant of days will I spend to His

bey, And have laid up their treas - ures a - bove! Tongue.
vine I have found in the blood of the Lamb. Since the
praise, Who has died, me from sin to re - deem; Whe - ther

can - not ex - press the sweet com - fort and
truth I be - lieved, what a joy I've re -
ma - ny or few, all my years are His

peace Of a soul in its ear - li - est love, Of a
ceived, what a heav - en in Je - sus' blest name! What a
due; They shall all be de - vot - ed to Him, They shall

soul in its ear - li - est love!
heav - en in Je - sus' blest name!
all be de - vot - ed to Him!

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