
The Reverend Steve Montgomery

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**The Reverend Steve Montgomery***"Well done, good and faithful servant"*

Dear Friends,

Earlier today, I learned of the death of the Reverend Steve Montgomery, the recently retired and long-serving senior pastor of Idlewild Presbyterian Church. Steve was involved in a bicycle accident earlier this week and died as a result of his injuries.

Many Holy Communion parishioners had the privilege of knowing Steve well, particularly those involved in our outreach ministries. Steve was a passionate voice for the voiceless in our community, reminding us all of our Christian obligation to care for the least among us. He was an ardent supporter of the many non-profit organizations that seek to advance the Kingdom of God in Memphis: MIFA, Church Health, Samaritan Counseling, and others.

I will personally remember Steve as an ecumenical colleague who always had time to take my calls when I was a new, inexperienced rector learning how to lead a mainline congregation in Memphis. I am thankful for his good counsel, but even more thankful for his great kindness.

Our friends at Idlewild have lost a key member of their church family and our community has lost one of its great moral anchors. Please join me in praying for all of them and for all of us as we cope with this terrible loss. May the legacy of Steve Montgomery draw us all closer together as a community and motivate our compassion for the world.

This tragedy comes at the midpoint of a year that has already been characterized by so much sadness and so much loss. In these difficult times, we must all continue to turn towards our faith, reminding ourselves that God's light shines in the midst of every darkness and that no darkness will ever overcome it. In God's light, we will find hope, and courage, and love.

Yours in faith,

Sandy+

The Reverend Sandy Webb
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