

*Christian
Service of
Death &
Resurrection*



St. Luke's
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Church's Ministry at Death

As the church embraces us in our baptism and throughout our Christian life, it embraces us in our dying and death with the hope and assurance of resurrection to eternal life.

This booklet is intended to assist in the arrangements for a Christian Service of Death and Resurrection. The following items are covered:

- Contacting the Church
- Location of the Service
- Visitation
- Disposition of the Body
- A Service of Worship
- Flowers
- The Casket and Pall
- Order of Worship
- Practical Matters
- Service Worksheet

Contacting the Church

If the death of a loved one is imminent and a pastor's presence is desired, call the church office at 317.846.3404. After office hours, please follow the prompts for connecting with a pastor.

When the death of the beloved has occurred, call the church and a pastor will be informed. When you call, please let them know where you are (hospital/home/elsewhere) and whether you want a pastor to meet you then.

Initial Church Contact

To begin making arrangements for the Service, call the church and ask for the Pastor of Congregational Care, Dr. Regina Proctor. She will be responsible for details related to the church. The church's phone number is 317-846-3404.

A Service of Worship

The Christian Service of Death and Resurrection is a witness to God's love that sustains us in our sorrow and extends beyond this life. It is a testimony to God's promises in Jesus Christ, who went before us through death into new life. His resurrection gives us reason for hope. We are able to be grateful even in the midst of our sense of loss.

Location of Service

Church members are encouraged to hold the Service in the Sanctuary, Robertson Chapel or Columbarium. The Christian Service of Death and Resurrection is a worship service. God is the focus. The beloved and our grief are set within the context of the faith, hope and love that God's grace makes available to us.

The church is where the significant events and transitions in life are held. It is where the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion are received and where confirmation and marriage are celebrated. There we are surrounded by the symbols of our faith. It reminds us of the "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) that has gone before us and surrounds us.

Service option:

1. A worship service held within days/months after death in the Sanctuary, Chapel or Columbarium with the casket or urn present, followed by a burial service.
2. A memorial service without urn or casket may be held anytime.
3. A service may be held in the chapel of a funeral home with burial to follow.
4. A graveside service.

Visitation

If the service is held in the Sanctuary or Chapel, visitation may be scheduled before and/or after the service. The visitation may take place in Fellowship Hall or the Community Room. If the service is held elsewhere, visitation times will be set in consultation with the funeral home.

Disposition of the Body

Burial, cremation, or donation of the body to medical science are all appropriate options for Christians.

Flowers

Flowers are limited to the altar unless other plans are made. Flowers left at the church after service will be donated to.

The Casket and the Pall

The casket or urn, if present during the service, shall be closed and covered with a "pall"; a large cloth covering, and is furnished by the church. It symbolizes our belief that in Christ we are "clothed" with glory. In Christ we surrender the old self under the influence of sin and are made new creations. The pall also expresses the Christian conviction that every child of God is valued regardless of our worldly status.

If you wish the pall to be used, the flower pall will be removed before the casket enters the sanctuary. The church's pall will cover the casket during the service. Upon leaving the Sanctuary, the flower pall or flag may again be placed on the casket.

You may also use a flower pall inside the Sanctuary. The flag is reserved and will cover the casket outside the Sanctuary.

Order of Worship

The service may include the following elements:

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings

The family may specify passages that were meaningful to the beloved and are a source of comfort and hope for the family and community of faith. These may include readings from the Old Testament, Psalter, the Epistles and Gospel. Refer to page 10.

Hymns

Again the family may suggest specific hymns in consultation with the pastor. Refer to page 10.

Music - Vocal and Instrumental

The church organist or a pianist is available to play for the service. They will provide suitable music in consultation with the family.

Witnesses

Persons are invited to express thanksgiving for the beloved.

Homily/Sermon/Message of Hope

A service of death and resurrection has two purposes:

- 1) Express thanksgiving to God for the life that has loved and been loved.
- 2) Affirm the faith, hope and love of our Christian faith. The pastor seeks to do this in a homily or sermon.

Creeds

It is appropriate to use one of the Church's traditional creeds that affirm the faith of Christians. These may be found on page 13.

Holy Communion

The Christian community gathers around the table of Christ to feed on that life which is abundant and eternal. Communion is served by intinction.

Military Honors

Military honors will be observed at the burial site or outside of the sanctuary/chapel.

The following are elements of a typical service order:

- Prelude
- Opening Words
- Greeting
- Hymn
- Prayers
- Old Testament Reading (Psalter)
- Music (Hymn)
- Witness
- Scripture (Epistle and/or Gospel)
- Homily
- Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer
- Creed
- [Holy Communion]
- Benediction
- Postlude

PRACTICAL MATTERS

St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 317-846-3404

Service Planning

The Pastor(s) will want to schedule a time to meet with as many family members as would like to attend*. This needs to be scheduled as soon after the funeral home has been contacted.

Charges

The service of death and resurrection is one of the Church's ministries. The remuneration is made to the church for 2018 Honorariums.

Organist/Pianist.....	\$150
Soloist.....	\$150
Audio Tech	\$150
Visual Tech (streaming).....	\$150
Clergy.....	(Honorarium)
Chef.....	Contact Chef Joseph at joseph.huse@stlukesumc.com

Outside musicians may have different fees, i.e. bagpiper, harpist, etc.

Bulletin

A bulletin will be provided by the church for the service. A food reception is available through our chef or an outside caterer only.

Pastors

* Services held at St. Luke's will be directed by a St. Luke's pastor, as is our Methodist faith tradition. Other pastors may act as liturgist/speaker or direct service at a funeral home.

- Rev. Regina Proctor.....Regina.Proctor@stlukesumc.com
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WORKSHEET

Service of Death and Resurrection

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Relatives who will plan the service:

Name _____ Phone _____

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Location of Service

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanctuary (seating capacity 1,200) | <input type="checkbox"/> Burial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapel (seating capacity 400) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cremation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Luke's Columbarium (20-25 people) | <input type="checkbox"/> No burial - body donated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral Home Chapel | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parlor (seating capacity 50) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Chapel (seating capacity 10-15) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sowers Garden (seating capacity 5-6) | |

Scripture passages to be read: (Page 10-12)

Hymns to be sung: (Page 10)

Hymns to be played: (Page 10)

Witnesses (family or friends who will speak):

Pastor(s) to participate:

Liturgist(s)/Reader(s):

To give sermon:

Others:

Pallbearers:

Honorary Pallbearers:

Other items you want known:

APPENDIX

Some Hymn Suggestions

- Hymn No. 77: *How Great Thou Art*
- Hymn No. 89: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
- Hymn No. 117: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*
- Hymn No. 128: *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*
- Hymn No. 140: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
- Hymn No. 159: *Lift High the Cross*
- Hymn No. 261: *Lord of the Dance*
- Hymn No. 292: *What Wondrous Love is This*
- Hymn No. 314: *In the Garden*
- Hymn No. 361: *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*
- Hymn No. 364: *Because He Lives*
- Hymn No. 378: *Amazing Grace*
- Hymn No. 369: *Blessed Assurance*
- Hymn No. 420: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
- Hymn No. 480: *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*
- Hymn No. 702: *Sing with All the Saints in Glory*
- Hymn No. 707: *Hymn of Promise*
- Hymn No. 711: *For All the Saints*

Some Scripture Reading Suggestions

- Exodus 14:5–14, 19–31
- Isaiah 43:1–3a, 5–7, 13, 15, 18–19, 25; 44:6, 8a
- Isaiah 55:1–3, 6–13
- 2 Corinthians 4:5–18
- Ephesians 1:15–23; 2:1–10
- 1 Peter 1:3–9, 13, 21–25
- Revelation 7:2–3, 9–17
- Luke 24:13–35
- John 11:1–4, 20–27, 32–35, 38–44
- John 14:1–4, 18–19, 25–27
- 1 Corinthians 15:1–2a, 12, 16–18, 20, 35–38a, 42b–44, 54–55, 57
- Romans 8:1–2, 11, 14, 17–18, 28, 31–32, 35–39
- Revelation 21:1–7

Lessons from the Psalter

☐ Psalm 23 (in unison)

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. Amen.

☐ The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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 forever. Amen.

☐ Psalm 121 (read responsively)

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From whence does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
My Lord will not let your foot be moved,
the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, the One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil, and will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and for evermore.

☐ **Psalm 121** (in unison) King James version

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper;

the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil;
he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and
thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

☐ **Psalm 130** (in unison) New Revised Standard version

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Creeds

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada (in unison)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death.

God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church, adpt. (in unison)

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in the one God, maker and ruler of all things, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the Church as the fellowship, for worship and for service, of all who are united to the living Lord.

We believe in the kingdom of God as the divine rule in human society, in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE

DIRECT GIFTS

Donor(s) may make current year gifts from a variety of different assets such as gifts of stock, check/cash donations, property, or gifts of other financial assets.

GIFTS UPON DEATH

Donor(s) can make specific requests to be executed at their passing. This can be achieved many ways, but a few examples may include specific requests in a will, through a trust, or naming an institution as a beneficiary on a financial account.

TRUST WORK

Donor(s) can work with their team of advisors to build and install a trust providing for charitable gifts along with potential income or distributions to the owner. There are many different types with different parameters to abide by: Charitable Remainder Trust, Charitable Lead Trust, Charitable Annuity Trust.

DIRECT PURCHASE OF LIFE INSURANCE

Donor(s) can potentially purchase a life insurance policy and name the institution as a beneficiary. The strategy can provide large, tax-free, lump sums while insuring a premium payment by the donor. This strategy can be a way to make a larger donation with limited funds for giving. Some policies put restrictions on beneficiaries - first consult your advisor.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donor(s) make a charitable irrevocable contribution, receive a potential tax deduction, and then recommend grants from the fund over time.

PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS

Donor(s) may establish a foundation to be managed and distribute assets over time. This option can be expensive, is heavily regulated, and typically funded with large initial gifts.

These are just a few examples of numerous ways to leave a legacy. Estate planning can be a complicated undertaking. Please consult with your advisors about your specific financial situation and to maximize your desired impact. Always consult your CPA before implementing your plan to make sure your goals are accomplished. If you would like more information or have questions contact Andrew Fiega with St. Luke's Finance Committee Endowment at andrew.fiega@stlukesumc.com or 317469.9546 or David Cobb, finance chair, at david.cobb@stlukesumc.com or 317.224.6008.



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GRIEF RESOURCES

GriefShare - a 13 week study on Grief that helps you face the challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Contact Jan Kirk for more information at jangraykirk@icloud.com

Healing Under Grief Support (H.U.G.S) offers comfort to those dealing with the loss of a spouse or partner. Meets Sundays at 1:00pm in the Community Room. Contact Jan Kirk at jangraykirk@icloud.com to get connected

Men's Grief Group - This group provides support for men who have lost their spouses. Contact Bob Shive at rlshive@yahoo.com

Women's Grief Group - This group provides support for women who have lost someone in their life. Contact Jan Kirk for more information jangraykirk@icloud.com

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