



Hyde Park United Methodist Ministry at the Time of Death

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall never die."

John 11:25-26

The Service of Death and Resurrection is a service of worship that expresses gratitude to God for the life of the one who has died and bears witness of our hope that because Christ has been raised from the dead, we too will be raised to new life in him. We worship in the assurance that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” It is also a service in which we acknowledge the pain and sorrow of death, even as Jesus wept by the grave of his friend, Lazarus.

When death occurs:

When the death comes, the pastors should be called at once to represent the presence of the church, and to provide comfort and prayer. All arrangements for the funeral or memorial service should be made in consultation with the pastor.

Services at the church:

Because the funeral is a service of Christian worship, the most appropriate place for Christian people to gather for The Service of Death and Resurrection is in the Sanctuary or the Laurie Ray Memorial Chapel.

Pastoral Ministry:

One or more of our pastors will lead the service, depending on their availability and the request of the family. Other clergy are welcome to participate by invitation of the family and pastor.

Music and the service:

It is appropriate to sing hymns at the burial of the dead. The selection of hymns, prayers, Scripture and other details of the service is done in consultation with the clergy and the organist.

Pall for the coffin:

A pall to cover the coffin during the service in the church is provided by the Altar Guild. It symbolizes our baptism and reminds us of our identity as disciples of Jesus Christ. If the pall is used, it is placed over the coffin when it is brought into the Sanctuary. Therefore, flowers are not placed on the coffin. The pall is not taken to the funeral home or gravesite.

Witnesses to life:

As a way of giving thanks to God for the life of the person who has died, one or more family members or friends are welcome to share their personal word of witness about the person who has died. These persons should be carefully selected in consultation with the pastor. At the family's request, the pastor may also open the service for brief words of witness from the congregation. Family members or friends may also participate in the service by reading the Scripture lessons.

Memorial Gifts

Memorial Gifts in place of flowers may be designated for The Endowment Fund. It provides a way for people to celebrate the life and faith of the deceased with a gift that will provide for the long-term future of the church's ministry. The principal of these gifts is held in perpetuity with the investment income made available as needed for ministries of the church. More information on the Endowment Fund is available from one of the pastors or at <http://www.hydeparkumc.org/giving/endowment-fund/>.

Funeral Expenses:

While expenses in connection with the funeral are for the family to decide, please remember that it is fitting to keep funeral expenses to a minimum. There is no charge for the use of the Sanctuary or Chapel or for the service of the clergy and organist. Donations to the church or an honorarium may be given, but are not required. If guest musicians are invited to participate in the service, an honorarium is expected.

Cremation:

This is in keeping with the church's teaching about death. In such cases, the service is held in the church either before or after the burial of the ashes. The Memorial Garden is available for the interment of the ashes of church members and their families.

Flowers:

Flowers may be brought to the church and are arranged as they are appropriate in the Chancel, Sanctuary lobby and Courtyard. Removal of the arrangements is the responsibility of the family or the funeral home.

Interment in The Garden

The Memorial Garden is available as the final resting place for the ashes of church members or their immediate family. The interment may occur prior to the service in the Sanctuary, immediately following the service, or at a time selected by the family in consultation with the pastor.

Who may use the Garden?

As a direct extension of our life together in the church family, the garden is available for members of Hyde Park United Methodist Church and their immediate family.

What are the costs?

The family makes a donation of \$250 to cover the cost of the bronze plaque that is placed on the Sanctuary wall. Donations are also accepted for the ongoing maintenance and care of the garden.

Are the ashes in containers?

No. The ashes are placed directly in the soil without containers, as the liturgy says, “ashes to ashes, dust to dust.” This also allows for the most effective use of the space within the garden. Ashes may be placed in a biodegradable napkin or cloth.

May I make advanced preparations?

Yes. Any member of Hyde Park United Methodist may make prior arrangements for interment in the Memorial Garden through the Ministry Offices, 813.253.5388.

What is engraved on the plaque?

The name plaques contain the full name, date of birth and date of death. They are all the same design, bearing witness to our common place in the family of God.

May flowers be placed in the garden?

Yes. The Altar Guild provides a vase where individual roses may be placed in memory of a person buried there. The rose is placed there on Sunday and the name of the person being remembered is listed in the worship bulletin. Artificial flowers may not be placed in the Garden.

Funeral/Memorial Service Arrangements

Full name of deceased _____

Date of Death _____ Date of Birth _____

Church Member? Y___ N___

Family Members Names _____

Family can be reached at _____

Date of Service _____ Time _____

Officiating Pastor _____

Assisting Pastors _____

Witnesses: _____

Scripture: _____

Hymns: _____

Special Music _____

Reception Details _____

Memorial Gifts Designated For:

Other information:

Scripture Suggestions

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.

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.

John 4:7-8

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

John 14:7-8

If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'

Matthew 5:4

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.'

John 3:16

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Philippians 1:21

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain

THE WITNESS OF CHRISTIAN HOPE		ORDER OF WORSHIP	
A Service of Worship to the Glory of God		GATHERING	Ginger Olsen Heath, piano
Celebrating the life of		GREETING	The Rev. Bernard H. Liewing Jr.
JOHN DOE		*HYMN	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i> No. 77 (v. 1, 3, 4)
September 21, 1935 - August 23, 2012		*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>"Apostles' Creed"</i> No. 881
Saturday, September 15, 2012		WITNESSES TO JOHN'S LIFE	Jane Doe Sally Doe Miller Doe
3 p.m.		SOLO	<i>"On Eagle's Wings"</i>
"Peace I leave with you Let not your hearts be troubled, Neither let them be afraid." John 14:27		SCRIPTURE LESSONS	Psalm 23 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13 John 14 (selected)
		WORDS OF HOPE	
		PRAYERS	
		HYMN	<i>"When the Saints Go Marching In"</i>
		*BENEDICTION	
		POSTLUDE	
		* Those who are able, stand in praise of God.	
		You are invited to gather with the family at the their residence at 45 Silver Way, Davis Island.	

