

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

SCRIPTURE AND MUSIC RECOMMENDATIONS  
*for Funeral and Memorial Services*

The central theme in any worship service, including funeral and memorial services, is the proclamation of the Word of God. It is the proclamation of a resurrection faith in a sermon or meditation. We welcome family and/or friends to read scripture as a means of participating in the service. At First United Methodist, we read the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) translation of the bible. In services, we include at least two scripture readings, with one of the readings as a Gospel passage.

Old Testament Passages:

- Isaiah 40:1-8, 28-31
- 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
- Psalm 23
- Psalm 42
- Psalm 43
- Psalm 46
- Psalm 90
- Psalm 91
- Psalm 103
- Psalm 116
- Psalm 121
- Psalm 139
- Psalm 145
- Psalm 146

New Testament Passages:

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

The music for a funeral or memorial service shall be sacred and reflect the tradition of music at First United Methodist Church. Music should be scriptural in nature and primarily focused on God. Taped, prerecorded, or electronically produced music may not be used during the service but is welcome at the visitation. Our music staff will provide music for the service in consultation with the presiding pastor. An organist from First United Methodist will be available for the service and a First United Methodist soloist may be requested. Outside soloists or organists must be approved by the Director of Music and Worship.

Here is a list of recommended hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal:

- *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (110)
- *Abide with Me* (700)
- *All Creatures of Our God and King* (62)
- *Amazing Grace* (378)
- *Be Thou My Vision* (451)
- *Be Still, My Soul* (534)
- *Children of the Heavenly Father* (141)
- *For All the Saints* (711)
- *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (140)
- *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (127)
- *Hymn of Promise* (707)
- *It Is Well with My Soul* (377)
- *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (89)
- *King of Love My Shepherd Is* (138)
- *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (384)
- *Morning Has Broken* (145)
- *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (117)
- *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* (66)