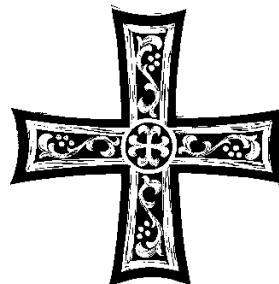


Memorial

For those desiring, memorial contributions
may be made in ___'s name to
First United Methodist Church, 930 North Boulevard
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Worship Participants

Minister
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Lay Readers and Remembrances



A SERVICE OF DEATH AND RESURRECTION

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

First, Middle, and Last Name

Birth Date – Death Date

Month Day, Year and Time of Service

GATHERING

All stand, as able, as the family enters, and remain standing for the Word of Grace.

† WORD OF GRACE

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and I am the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I hold the keys of hell and death. Because I live, you shall live also."

† GREETING

Friends, we have gathered here to praise God and to witness to our faith as we celebrate the life of First, Middle, and Last Name. We come together in grief, acknowledging our human loss. May God grant us grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, in death resurrection.

† CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Together, let us pray.

O God, who gave us birth, you are evermore ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask. Give us now your grace, that as we shrink before the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are accomplished, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in you, and that nothing in life or death will be able to separate us from your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (if selected)

PSALTER (if selected)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (if selected)

† CONGREGATIONAL HYMN (if selected)

REMEMBRANCES (if selected)

† GOSPEL LESSON

HOMILY

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

God of us all, your love never ends. When all else fails, you still are God. We pray to you for one another in our need, and for all, anywhere, who mourn with us this day. To those who doubt, give light; to those who are weak, strength; to all who have sinned, mercy; to all who sorrow, your peace.

O God, all that you have given us is yours. As first you gave First Name to us, now we give First Name back to you.

Receive First Name into the arms of your mercy. Raise First Name up with all your people. Receive us also, and raise us into a new life. Help us so to love and service you in this world that we may enter into your joy in the world to come. **Amen.**

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant First Name. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive First Name into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints of light. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of love, we thank you for all with which you have blessed us even to this day: for the joy in days of health and strength and for the gifts of your abiding presence and promise in days of pain and grief. We praise you for home and friends, and for our baptism and place in your Church with all who have faithfully lived and died. Above all else we thank you for Jesus, who knew our griefs, who died our death and rose for our sake, and who lives and prays for us. And as he taught us, so now we pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

† CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

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