

## **PLANNING FOR A CHRISTIAN FUNERAL/MEMORIAL SERVICE**



### **Trinity United Church**

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***“We are not alone  
We live in Gods world...  
In life, in death, in life beyond  
death, God is with us. Thanks be  
to God.”***

The Christian service celebrates the life of a loved one, gives thanks to God for that person’s life and commends that life to God. While we grieve the loss of one who has been close to us, we also celebrate our Christian hope in Jesus resurrection victory over death.

Jesus said, **“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die”.**

John 11:25

The service recognizes both the pain and sorrow of the separation that accompanies death and the hope and joy of the promises of God to those who die and are raised to new life in Christ. God’s word is read and proclaimed, prayers are offered and the sacrament of Holy Communion may be shared.

The service can take the form of a funeral with the casket present or a memorial service with or without the ashes. The traditional order has been to follow the funeral or memorial service with committal at the cemetery. Under some circumstances, the committal may be held first, followed by the service.

Your loved one may have been a member of organizations other than the church. It is most appropriate for memorial rituals of those groups to be held apart from the funeral or memorial service.

Funerals and memorial services are conducted by the minister of Trinity United Church. Our accompanist is responsible to play for all funerals and memorial services. Music may include congregational hymns, solos or other special music including instrumentalists.

Selection of music is done in consultation with the minister. A choir is not usually present but may be arranged to assist in the leadership of the music upon request, if they are available.

### **Recognition of Life**

There will be opportunity in the service to remember and give thanks for the life of your loved one.

This may be done by means of both words and symbols. An object associated with the person's life may be brought into the service. Also, place is provided early in the service for words of recognition. These words give the genuine honour to the loved one by a faithful recollection of life.

### **In Memorial**

Some families or friends may wish to make a donation to our church's Memorial Fund in honour of their beloved one. This fund is used to purchase a needed item for the church, such as our organ. The names of those who contribute to the fund and in whose honour they make a donation will be placed in our

**In Remembrance** book and kept in the church.

### **Fees:**

There is a charge for the use of the sanctuary for a funeral or memorial service.

Sanctuary	\$300.00
Minister	\$250.00
Organist	\$150.00 on request
Powerpoint	\$25.00
Sound	\$25.00
Caretaker	\$80.00 with reception \$50.00 no reception
Administration	\$75.00

(Price subject to change)  
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### **Reception**

Receptions may be held in the church, depending on the availability of space.

### **Reception Options:**

Full Reception (sandwiches, fruit, veggies, cheese, pickles, dainties and beverages) \$10.00 per person

Fruit Bread/Beverages:  
\$6.00 per person

Beverages only:  
\$3.00 per person

Trinity will issue one itemized invoice for all costs associated with the funeral

**"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.**

**And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, See, the home of God is among mortals. The Holy One will dwell with them as their God; they will be God's people, and God will be with them; God will wipe every tear from their eyes.**

**Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away. See, I am making all things new."**

Revelation 21: 1-4