

IN WITNESS TO

the Resurrection

FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

at Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church



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THE PURPOSE OF A MEMORIAL OR FUNERAL SERVICE

The Presbyterian funeral or memorial service is a Service of Witness to the Resurrection and an integral part of Christian worship. The resurrection is a central doctrine of the Christian faith and shapes Christians' attitudes and responses to the event of death. Death brings loss, sorrow and grief to all. In the face of death, Christians affirm with tears and joy the hope of the gospel. Christians do not bear bereavement in isolation but are sustained by the power of the spirit and the community of faith. The church offers a ministry of love and hope to all who grieve.

We do this by celebrating the Resurrection and affirming the profound hope we have through the grace of our Risen Lord. Joining with others, we give our pain, our memories, our hopes, and our gratitude to God.

In this brochure you will find descriptions for planning a memorial service or funeral at Mission del Sol. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.



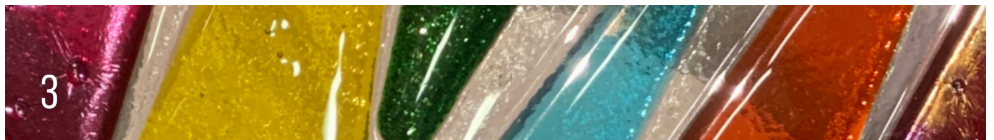


STYLE OF THE SERVICE

The term 'funeral' normally refers to a service at which a casket is present and followed by a graveside service to commit a body to the ground. A funeral is often more formal in order and tone and takes place within five days or so of a death. The term 'memorial service' is often used in reference to a service at which there are either cremains or no remainder of the deceased present. It may be further separated in time from a death, though we recommend that it be kept as close to the death in time as possible. Both include a Service of the Resurrection and so include scripture, a pastor's message, and music or readings that are appropriate to the occasion. At Mission del Sol, we will use the term "Witness of the Resurrection" in reference to either a funeral or a memorial service.

FORMAT AND DIRECTION OF THE SERVICE

Responsibility for planning and conducting the service resides with the pastor. The pastor will meet with the family of the deceased to offer prayer, support, and planning guidelines for the service. Most often the service will be in the sanctuary. Others may be invited to assist in the service in consultation with the pastor. In all cases, the officiating pastor will have final decision on aspects of the service.





SCHEDULING

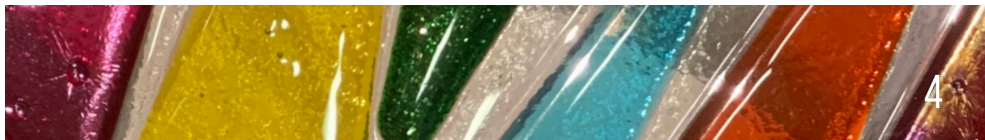
We will seek to schedule services in timely ways that meet family and community needs. While a funeral will be planned within a week of a death, as noted earlier, a memorial service may be planned a bit later. Normally, we will work to avoid Sundays and church holidays. The pastor will work with you to set a date and time. As a funeral or memorial is a worship service of God's people, the date and time planned will be publicized to the congregation. You may also publish it in obituaries or through other forms of communication

MUSIC

All music performed or sung during the service must be consistent with God's victory over death and our hope in Christ. The pastor, our Director of Music Ministries or Organist will assist in selecting and arranging for music. Mission del Sol has soloists who may be available. Outside musicians will require approval of the officiating musician, who will also orient them to Mission del Sol church.

REFLECTIONS AT THE SERVICE

Brief, prepared reflections about the deceased may be offered by family and friends during a service, as arranged with the pastor.





FLOWERS

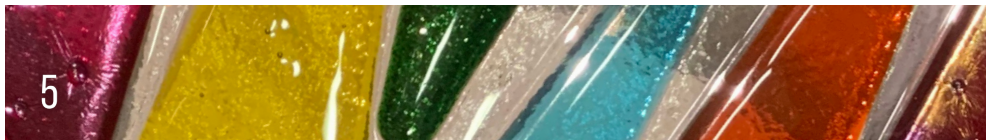
Flowers beautify the service and remind us of our hope in Christ. Their quantity should enhance our worship. The pastor may suggest that some flowers be placed in the narthex or reserved for a reception following the service if quantities become too great. At a family's discretion, appropriate arrangements may be left to beautify other worship services that week. All other flowers will be removed by the family following the service and reception.

PHOTOS, VIDEO, AND POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS

As this is a service of worship, the focus of our attention is on God's presence both during and beyond our lives. A portrait and or memorabilia of the deceased is welcomed in the narthex prior to and during the service. Video or slide presentations may be shown before and after the service in the sanctuary.

LIVE STREAMING AND VIDEO SERVICE

For family and friends that are unable to attend the service in person, live streaming can be requested. Services will be streamed to Facebook and/or our website. A link may also be provided for families to send out to family and friends directly. After the service a link to download the service will be provided to the family. Livestreaming does require a trained volunteer and cannot be provided if no volunteer is available.





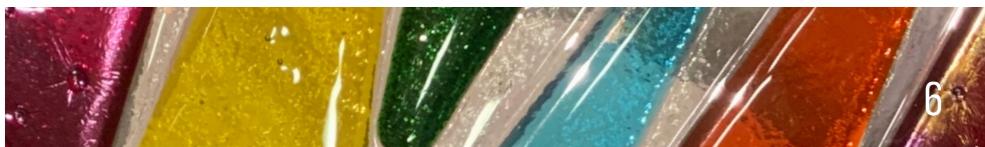
FRATERNAL, CIVIC, AND MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS

Mission del Sol affirms fraternal, civic, or military services outside of the funeral or memorial service itself, either before or after, or in conjunction with a committal of remains. We follow Presbyterian guidelines in this regard, which state:

The service may be observed before or after the committal of the body [or ashes]. The service may include other actions common to the community of faith and its cultures when these actions do not detract from or diminish the Christian understanding of death and resurrection. The service shall be complete in itself, and any fraternal, civic, or military rites should be conducted separately. (Directory for Worship 4.10005)

WORSHIP BULLETIN AND SLIDES

Members of the church staff will assist in producing a worship bulletin or worship slides that include the order of service, participants, family information, suggestions for memorial gifts (if requested), and a brief biographical note about the deceased, if desired. A photo of the deceased may be provided for inclusion on the inside cover of the bulletin. If worship slides are needed, then a trained Audio-Visual volunteer will usually be required to run the slide presentation.





RECEPTION

Volunteers from our Congregational Life Commission can assist in arranging a reception at the church following the service. Coffee, tea, punch, cake and/or cookies will be provided in a designated location. Receptions will last approximately 90 minutes. If you anticipate a longer time frame, or have a specific request, it will need to be coordinated with the Memorial Service Lead. If the family desires additional food, they may have it catered at their own expense and arrangement, coordinated with our commission. The reception is an appropriate location to provide a collection of photos, appropriate memorabilia and share stories about the deceased, provided that arrangements have been made ahead of time.

Recommended donations for memorials are:

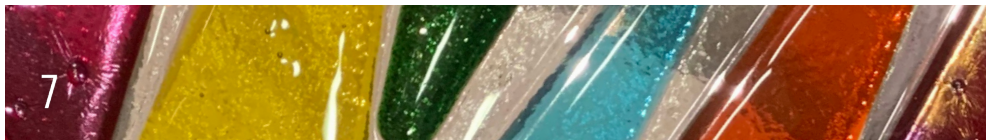
Under 50 guests \$50

50- 100 guests \$75

Over 100 guests \$150

INTERMENT OF ASHES

Interment of ashes in the Mission del Sol Columbarium, or elsewhere, may take place immediately after, before, or at a time separate from the service, in consultation with the pastor.





COLUMBARIUM

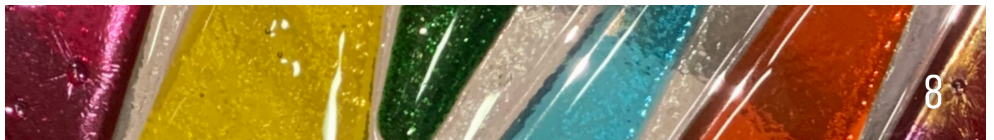
The niches at Mission del Sol's Columbarium are expressly available for church members, active participants and their families. Selection of niche location is on a first come basis. Each niche is designed to contain two urns, each capable of containing the remains of a single adult and/or containment of infants and children. Inurnment is restricted to human cremains only. The cost of a niche is \$1,000. Payment in full is expected at time of procurement of the niche.

Niche size is 12" x 12" x 12". Purchaser is responsible for obtaining appropriate size urn for inurnment

rectangle: 5" wide x 10" high x 10" deep

cylindrical: 5-1/2" diameter x 11" tall.

Each niche shall bear the name, birth and death year of each individual inurned. Engraving will be arranged through the church office; purchaser is responsible for the cost of engraving.



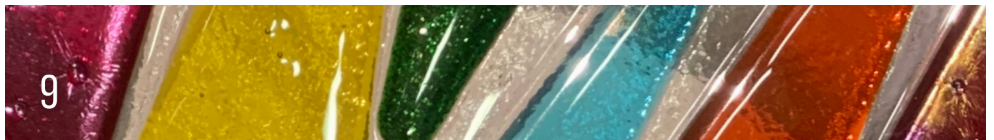


FEES AND HONORARIA

Members of Mission del Sol may receive the ministry of the church, including pastoral services and space for this service, without specific charges. However, if they are able, they may give an optional contribution to help cover the fees for worship leadership and custodial support as indicated here.

For persons who do not regularly contribute to the ministry of the church, we do recommend the below fees. However, no Christian funeral should be denied because of lack of financial resource. If you are unable to provide honoraria to worship leaders or space use fees to the church, please speak to the pastor.

Honoraria and fees should be remitted directly to the persons providing the service, through the church office, or through arrangement with the funeral home attendants acting on behalf of the family.





FEES AND HONORARIA

	CHURCH MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
Clergy	Optional Suggested \$250	\$250
Organist	\$200	\$200
Soloist	\$150	\$150
Custodian	\$85	\$85
Audio Visual	\$100	\$150
Video **	\$100	\$150
Use of Sanctuary	No Fee*	\$500
Reception	Optional*	\$50-\$150 (based on guests)

** A memorial gift to the church in honor of your loved one and in support of ongoing ministry is welcomed.*

***If video services are requested a link to the service will be emailed to the family for download.*

MISSION DEL SOL STAFF

Rev. Kelsy Brown, Pastor

Smith Graham, Music Director

Jennifer Grimes, Administrative Assistant

Dominic Fenton, Custodian

Juhee Park, Organist/Pianist





SAMPLE ORDER OF WORSHIP

This is a sample order for a Memorial Service. This may be revised and adapted in consultation with the pastor. A list of possible hymns and scripture are on the following pages.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection in memory of...

Prelude Music

Entrance of the Family

Ringling of the Church Bell

Sentences of Scripture

Welcome and Prayer

Hymn (selected)

A Reading (scripture or poem)

Special Music (optional)

Memorial Reflections

Scripture

Homily (the pastor)

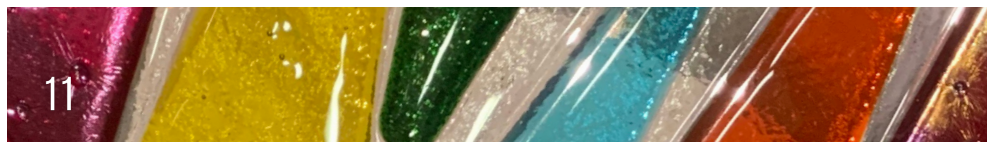
Memorial Prayer

Hymn (selected)

Commendation and Blessing

Benediction

Postlude Music





SUGGESTED HYMNS

Abide with Me

Amazing Grace

Be Thou My Vision

Blessed Assurance

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Holy, Holy, Holy

I Need Thee Every Hour

Morning Has Broken

Old Rugged Cross

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

Rock of Ages

Take My Hand, Precious Lord

There is a Balm in Gilead

The King of Love, My Shepherd is (Psalm 23)

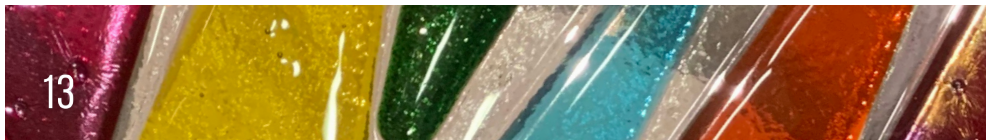
What a Friend We Have in Jesus





SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	A time for everything
Psalms 23	The Lord is my Shepherd
Psalms 27	The Lord is my Light and my Salvation
Psalms 42	My soul is thirsting for the living God
Psalms 90	Lord, you have been our refuge
Psalms 103	The Lord is kind and merciful
Psalms 121	My help comes from the Lord
Psalms 130	Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord
Matthew 11:25-30	Come to me and I will give you rest
John 11:17-27	I am the resurrection and the life
John 14:1-6, 27	There are my rooms in my Father's house.
Romans 8:31b-39	Nothing can come between us & the love of Christ
Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12	Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord
Corinthians 15:51-57	Death is swallowed up in victory
1 John 3:1-3	We are all Children of God
Revelation 7:9-17	God will wipe away every tear from our eyes
Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7	There will be no more death





FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNING

Sometimes it is helpful to plan ahead for a future memorial service with your loved one. Please see the below suggested questions to begin thinking about what you might like the service to include.

Where do you want your service to be: _____

Hymns (select 3-4 favorites): _____

Scriptures you would like to be read: _____

Memorial Reflections (list 2-3 people): _____

Special Music you would like at the service: _____

Prayers or readings you would like at the service: _____

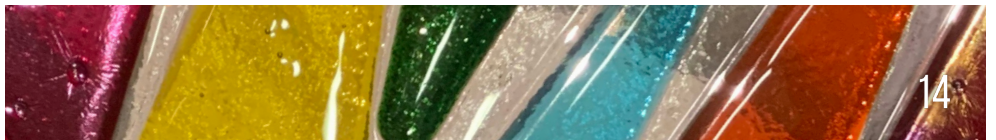
Memorabilia and/or photos you would like displayed: _____

Other people you want to be at the service: _____

What food you like at the reception: _____

Would you like Interment or Burial? Where? _____

Give a copy of these answers to family and church office to keep on file.





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