

## HYMN SUGGESTIONS:

### Traditional

The Lord's My Shepherd  
All the Way My Saviour Leads Me  
O God, Our Help in Ages Past  
Guide, Me O Thou Great Jehovah  
Nearer, My God, To Thee  
Abide With Me  
Be Thou My Vision  
Blest Be the Ties  
Breathe On Me, Breath of God  
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
Shall We Gather at the River  
Amazing Grace  
How Great Thou Art  
Blessed Assurance  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

### Contemporary

Give To Us Laughter  
Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness  
I, the Lord of Sea and Sky  
In the Bulb There is a Flower  
On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)  
I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry  
We Shall Go Out with Hope  
of Resurrection  
One Bread, One Body  
Morning Has Broken

## SCRIPTURE SUGGESTIONS:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15  
Isaiah 40:6-11  
Lamentations 3:21-26, 31-33  
Micah 6:6-8  
Psalm 23  
Psalm 90  
Psalm 46:1-5, 10-11  
Psalm 121  
Psalm 139: 1-13, 17-18  
Romans 6:3-11  
I Corinthians 15:20-23, 35-38,  
42-44, 51-52, 55-58  
Revelation 7:9-17  
Matthew 5:1-12, 11:25-30,  
18:1-5  
John 6:35-40  
John 11:21-26  
John 14:1-6, 18-19, 27

## Honorarium and Fees

*Please contact the church office  
for the current listing of  
honorariums and church use fees.*

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## Reception

You are welcome to host a  
reception for family and friends  
following the service. There are  
two spaces available, the upstairs  
multi purpose room and the Lois  
Hopkinson Hall in the lower level.

Families are responsible for  
arranging catering. Information  
regarding catering options  
available by contacting the church

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## ***FUNERAL***

***Celebration of Life***

First and more importantly, let us, as the congregation of Grey Street United Church, express our sorrow at this, your time of loss. We believe God is with you now, sharing in the sadness and in the remembering of a special life.

This pamphlet is intended to help you understand the resources available to you through the church at this time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our church office at 204-667-9413.

Your first step may have been to contact a funeral home. Most of the arrangements are normally handled by them. In those cases where a funeral home is not involved in the service, the church will provide ushers.

### **FUNERAL SERVICE vs. CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Whether you have chosen cremation or full burial does not change the service of worship provided.

### **THE SERVICE**

The church sanctuary is available for the service. Of course, if you prefer, the service can be held in a funeral home. In either location, the family is normally seated just prior to the start of the service. The length of service varies between 30 and 45 minutes and involves a prayer, hymns, a eulogy (act of remembrance) and a message from the minister.

#### **EULOGY (Act of Remembrance)**

This time of remembering your loved one can be done by a friend of the family, a family member or the minister. More than one person can be involved. If someone in the family wants to prepare a few memories, but is uncomfortable presenting it in a service, the minister can share it on their behalf. (Please present a copy to the minister a day or more before the service.) The eulogy is an important time to help all who have gathered remember, with love and laughter and tears, the person who has died.

### **THE MUSIC**

There are normally two or three hymns sung during the funeral service. These hymns remind us of God's faithfulness, often speaking of our hope in the risen Christ.

Some families choose to have an additional piece of music presented by a choir or soloist. Soloists can be arranged with the church's accompanist.

If you feel that those in attendance would not be familiar with the church's music, or if it is not helpful to you, the service can be conducted without any hymns; however, we suggest you discuss more contemporary music with the minister and the accompanist who can make suitable suggestions.

### **THE INTERMENT**

Traditionally, interments take place immediately following the service with all those who have gathered following in a procession to the cemetery. Today, a number of alternatives are common. Families may choose to have a private interment at a quieter time to say farewell. Interments are often done at another time and even earlier in the day. Our minister will try to accommodate your family's wishes.