

WORSHIP GUIDE
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Sanctuary Service **May 24, 2009**
Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church

Call to Worship *All People of God* Choir

Hymn No. 370 *Victory in Jesus* Congregation

Memorial Day Observance

Special Music *America the Beautiful* Exaltation Ensemble

Morning Prayer Col. John Klaaren, USAF Retired

Registration and Offertory Rusty Taylor

Offertory *Glory* Choir

Hymn No. 702 *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* Congregation

Sermon: Rev. John Schmidt

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I DIE?

Special Music *No More Night* Alan Peavy

Benediction

Flowers are placed in celebration of Don and Susan Alldredge's second anniversary and in loving memory of Ginny Alldredge and Mike DeBoer.

Flowers are placed in loving memory of Remington (R.C.) Foss on his birthday, by his wife Carol.

Acolytes serving in the Sanctuary this Sunday are Maya Narcisse-Cousar and Virginia Reid at 9:30 a.m. and Brittany Boston and Allison Houlton at 11 a.m.

During the summer months, Frazer's choir will not wear robes. We invite the congregation to also dress appropriately casual for worship during the summer, too.

Dear God...

What happens after I die?

I. Those who have a personal relationship with Christ enter immediately to God's presence.

"Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord." (2 Corinthians 5:8 NLT)

"And Jesus replied, 'I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.'" (Luke 23:43 NLT)

"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far..." (Philippians 1:21-23 NIV)

a. We will be given perfect new bodies that will never die again.

"For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies. While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life." (2 Corinthians 5:1-4 NLT)

"Our earthly bodies, which die and decay, will be different when they are resurrected, for they will never die. Our bodies now disappoint us, but when they are raised, they will be full of glory. They are weak now, but when they are raised, they will be full of power. They are natural human bodies now, but when they are raised, they will be spiritual bodies." (1 Corinthians 15:42-44 NLT)

b. We will know each other and be fully known.

"Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known." (1 Corinthians 13:12 NIV)

"Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance changed so that His face shone like the sun, and His clothing became dazzling white. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus. Peter blurted out, 'Lord, this is wonderful! If you want me to, I'll make three shrines, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'" (Matthew 17:1-4 NLT)

II. Those who do not have a personal relationship with Christ will be separated from him forever in hell.

“... when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven. He will come with His mighty angels, in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from His glorious power.” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 NLT)

“Finally, the beggar died and was carried by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and his soul went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Lazarus in the far distance with Abraham. The rich man shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in anguish in these flames.’ But Abraham said to him, ‘Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish. And besides, there is a great chasm separating us. Anyone who wanted to cross over to you from here is stopped at its edge, and no one there can cross over to us.’ Then the rich man said, ‘Please, Father Abraham, send him to my father’s home. For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them about this place of torment so they won’t have to come here when they die.’ But Abraham said, ‘Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read their writings anytime they want to.’ The rich man replied, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will turn from their sins.’ But Abraham said, ‘If they won’t listen to Moses and the prophets, they won’t listen even if someone rises from the dead.’” (Luke 16:22-31 NLT)

III. Our eternal destiny will be decided before we die.

“...man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...”
(Hebrews 9:27 NIV)

“I’ll sit back and say to myself, ‘My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’ Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.” (Luke 12:19-21 NLT)

“...if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved... ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”
(Romans 10:9-15 NIV)