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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



March 24, 2019



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Gathering

INTROIT *We've a Story*

WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

PRAISE SONGS *Above All
Your Grace is Enough
My Savior My God*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *As the Deer*

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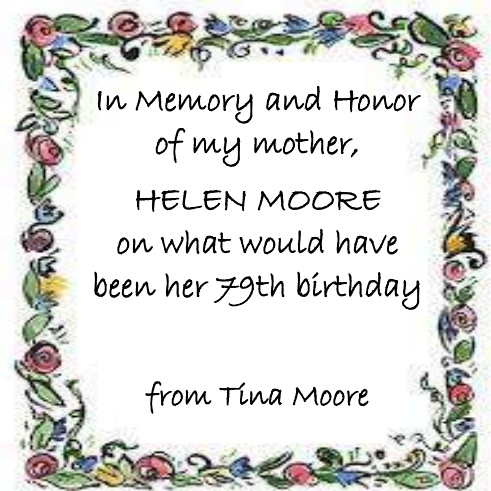
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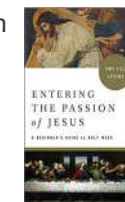
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CENTERING WORDS

God calls us to return from distractions that pull us away from our center.
A heart centered on God is the best gift we can give ourselves.

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.

--2 Corinthians 4:7 (RSV)

PRELUDE	<i>In Christ Alone (My Hope is Found)</i>	Getty/Townend
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Rock of Ages</i> verse 1	No. 361

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

"Return to me!"
Christ calls and we listen.
"Return to me!"
Christ calls and we respond.
"Return to me!"
Christ calls and we turn... toward life, toward love, toward God.

***OPENING** *The Old Rugged Cross* verses 1-2 & 4 No. 504

WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

**Change our hearts, O God.
Wash away the dust and ashes
that cloud our vision and burden our lives,
and renew us with your Spirit of love and grace.
Guide our focus back to you,
that we may rest anew in the treasure of your love.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell
Jesus Loves Me (as children come and go)
Nursery care is available
Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.

ANTHEM *Lord, When We Praise You With Glorious Music* Leech & Childs

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Jesus, Remember Me* No. 488
 Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *Jesus, Remember Me* No. 488

READERS THEATRE "Mary and James Under the Cross"
 Virginia Mothes, Roger Sperling

SCRIPTURE John 19:17-27

HYMN (remain seated) *Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done* No. 287
 verses 1-2

SERMON *NOURISHED BY WORDS OF GRACE:*
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OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
 Offertory *We Have Come into His House* Bruce Ballinger
 *Doxology / Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*CLOSING HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* No. 557

*BENEDICTION

As we leave this place, we continue the journey.
Christ leads us upon the way.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *He Leadeth Me* No. 128

*He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
 What e'er I do, where e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
 his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.*

POSTLUDE *We Bow Down* Twila Paris/arr. Mark Hayes

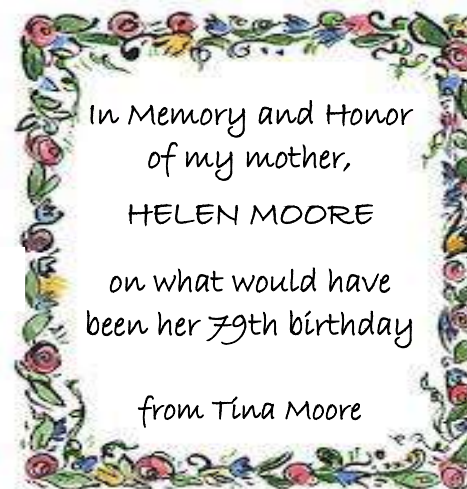


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