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*Today's Liturgist: Judy Atwood*

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# 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



## March 31, 2019



# First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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8:30 AM

### Fourth Sunday in Lent One Great Hour of Sharing

#### Gathering

INTROIT *Let's Worship*

WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

PRAISE SONGS *You Are My All in All  
Sing of My Redeemer  
You Say*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

#### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Once Again*

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Coffee Hour Today  
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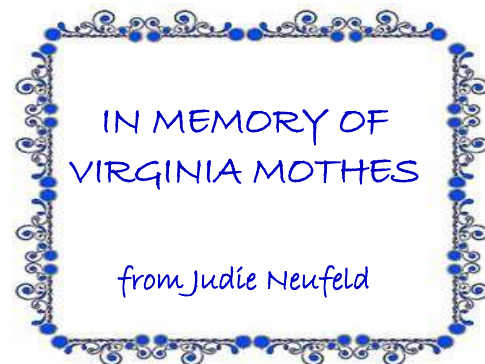
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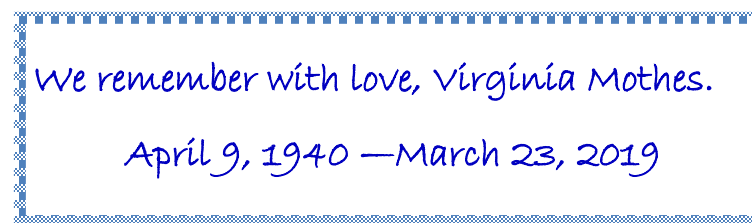
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### CENTERING WORDS

*Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future as He has the past.  
 Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.*

PRELUDE      *Nothing But the Blood of Jesus*      Robert Lowry

CHORAL INTROIT      *Lift High the Cross*      No. 159

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Call out to God---God will listen!  
**We come with both laughter and tears.**  
 Wait for the Lord---Christ will always come.  
**We wait with anticipation and hope.**

\*OPENING      *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*      verses 1-3      No. 363

### WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

### OPENING PRAYER

*Set our minds on you, God.  
 Give us the patience to wait for you  
 when we feel completely alone.  
 Give us the strength to place our hope in you  
 when we are most worried.  
 Give us peace and comfort,  
 that we may hear your word  
 and trust your love. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT      Patti Melsheimer

*Jesus Loves Me* (as children come and go)  
*Nursery care is available*

*Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.*

### A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer      *You Alone are Holy*      TFWS #2077  
 Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer  
 Choral Response      *You Alone are Holy*      TFWS #2077

CHORAL ANTHEM *Be Still My Soul* Heather Sorenson

SCRIPTURE Psalm 22:1-5, 23-24, 27-28  
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HYMN (remain seated) *Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle* No. 296  
verses 1—3

SERMON *NOURISHED BY WORDS OF GRACE:*  
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OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering  
Offertory *I Come to the Cross* Bill Batstone/Bob Somma

\*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 *All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine* No. 166  
verses 1—3

\*BENEDICTION

The Lord is our light and our salvation.  
**In God we dwell secure.**  
The Lord is our fortress in the midst of life's storms.  
**In God we find our true home.**  
Go with the blessings of the Holy One

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Lift High the Cross* No. 159

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.  
Come, Christians follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine.  
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ORGAN POSTLUDE *Recessional* William Stickles  
Brad Bettencourt, guest organist

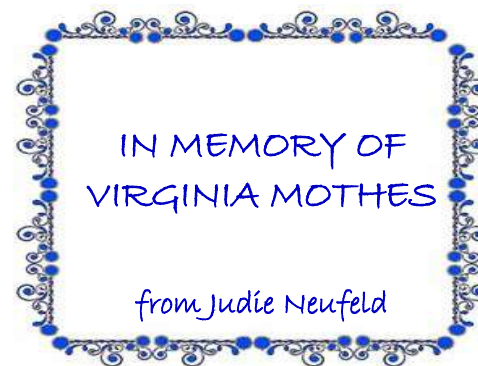


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