



**A Service to Celebrate the Life of
Phyllis Marion Wright Hogel
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I am the resurrection and the life.

*Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

John 11:25-6

Prelude

Opening Words of Promise and Welcome

*No matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome in this place.*

Call to Worship..... The 100th Psalm

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness,
come into God's presence with singing.

**People: Know that the Lord is God. God is our Creator
and we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

**People: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

**For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.**

[*Refrain*] **God of all, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.**

(Refrain)

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**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.**

(Refrain)

**For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,
for a faith that never ties, and for every heart renewed.**

(Refrain)

Greeting

A Time of Prayer and Unison Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Proverbs 31:10-31.....A Good Woman

New Testament: John 20:11-18..... The First Witness

Sermon

“A Good Life”

Rev. Mark Mendes

A Time of Sharing

Memories, Stories and Sentiments from Family and Friends

Crossing the Bar by Alfred Lord Tennyson

Affirmation of Faith [Romans 8]

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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