

THE WORDS OF GRACE: Jesus said, *"I am the resurrection & I am life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, & whosoever lives & believes in me shall never die. I am the alpha & the omega, the beginning & the end, the first & the last. I died, & behold I am alive for evermore, & I hold the keys of hell & death. Because I live, you shall live also."*

THE GREETING: We have gathered here today to praise God & to witness to our faith, as we celebrate the life of Orlena Mae "Klickie" Thornton, who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 31, 2020. She was predeceased by her parents, William Albert & Ruth Elizabeth (Gyde) Klickman, husband Lt. Col. Clark O. Thornton & grandson, Colin. She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Bill (Jacky Becker), Mary (Ed Boothe), Tom (Patti Richardson), & Ann (David Byrd); as well as eight grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, a niece & a nephew. We pray that God may help us find comfort in the pain of our loss, hope in the midst of our sorrow & the joy of resurrection in the celebration of this life well-lived.

HYMN "How Great Thou Art" Pg. 77

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 23

OPENING PRAYER: Gracious & loving God, as we prepare to walk through this valley of the shadow of death, we seek your presence. Look kindly upon us with your mercy, that we may be sustained in our hour of grief & celebration. Help us to acknowledge our loss but rejoice in the homecoming of this our sister in the faith, Klickie Thornton. Bring comfort to her friends, family & fellow church members, as we seek to encourage & comfort each other. Lead us to honor Klickie's memory, recalling the blessing of her presence in our midst & the joy of her friendship. May we now honor Klickie as we honor you, her Lord and Savior, knowing that You have already welcomed our sister into your loving presence. In the Name of Christ, we pray. Amen

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## FAMILY WITNESS

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In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise, butterflies will soon be free! In the cold & snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking words & melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you & me. From the past will come the future, what it holds a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In the end is our beginning, in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death a resurrection, at the last a victory, unrevealed until its season; something God alone can see.

BENEDICTON

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## POSTLUDE

Gail Hasson