

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

October 23-29, 2017

Worship as encounter with the living God cannot be limited to one hour per week. "Weekday Worship" invites you to extend your worship beyond the sanctuary, to hear the story of the Bible as your story, lived out each day of each week. Feedback is appreciated and should be directed to Rita Boyer.

BIBLE READING

This week's reading is: Deuteronomy 34:1–12 (<http://bible.oremus.org/?q=374573301>).

Other readings are: Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Matthew 22:34–46

The theme is Time to Say Goodbye

Throughout the forty years that the Hebrew people have journey in the wilderness, Moses had led them and been an example to them. Their relationship has had its share of ups and downs, but Moses has always been there for the people. Even when they might not have deserved it, Moses pled to God on the peoples' behalf. Throughout the journey we have caught glimpses of the intimate relationship Moses shared with God. It is time, however, for Moses' life to come to an end. He will not share the final steps of the journey. He will not enter the land of Promise. He does, however, go to the top of a mountain from which God shows him the land and assures him that the promise will be fulfilled. Moses' death and burial do not leave the people orphaned. Joshua, who has been mentored and blessed by Moses, is ready to assume leadership for the challenges that lie ahead. Some may think that Moses' story has ended with this reading, but his story is linked inextricably with a greater story: God's story. His story continues through Joshua and beyond because all of our stories come together and find their meaning in God's story.

"Questions to Consider" enable you to connect your story to the biblical story. Rather than easy questions to be answered at first glance, these questions or reflections can be returned to and meditated upon throughout the week.

Endings are hard; yet they often lead to new beginnings. When has that been true for you?

Continue to reflect upon the worship theme of October 22:

Moses had an intimate relationship with God. He fought with God, pleaded with God, and loved God deeply. God did not remain strictly "Other" with Moses, but revealed God's self in surprising ways. What lessons can you learn from Moses about how to nurture an honest, intimate relationship with God?

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