

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The last time I saw Lisa we had dinner together. I walked into the beautiful Levine Dickson Hospice House and there was a picnic happening! Lisa and Randy over there, Michelle Launey on the sofa, and Edie and Lindsay at the table by the window. "Have some Chinese," they said... and have you ever known me to turn down food!?

I kissed Lisa on the forehead on the way to the takeout boxes, and we all laughed together as we ate. When the meal was over, it was time for the fortune cookies. Everyone read out loud... and I knew as soon as I saw mine that it would find its place in another setting.

"After the storm... tranquility." This family has known the storm. The winds have howled, the waves have crashed... it's been tornado and earthquake and flood all in one... Trying to still that storm Randy said, "Was like trying to catch water."

But as poignantly as I have ever known it, as Amy will tell you later, it was sunrise and peace and resurrection... tranquility had come. Our prayer this day is not only that Lisa Reardin will continue know the eternal peace of God, but that even through their tears, those who knew her most and loved her best, might experience also experience it. "*Peace, be still,*" Jesus said. And the storm ceased.

May it be so today, even as we celebrate her life, and worship the God who was its source.

Let us worship together.

## INVOCATION

Loving God  
Who forms us into communities of care  
Be with us this day  
That as we grieve together  
We may know the miracle of Jesus' grace:  
That *those who mourn will be comforted*  
(Matthew 5).

Living God  
Who gives us life  
Be with us this day  
That as we celebrate together  
We may know the hope of resurrection –  
Not just in an ancient belief, but  
In memories made  
In legacies lived  
In inheritances claimed  
And in the faith of a living hope  
Which *will never disappoint us*  
(Romans 5).

Loving God  
Living god  
Be in our midst that our tears may be tears of joy and celebration  
For life lived with us  
And with you

And hear us as we pray as a community,  
The prayer which Jesus taught his community to pray together, saying,  
Our Father, who art in heaven...

## THANKSGIVING

The scripture affirms that *every good and perfect gift comes from above* (James 1),

so this day we give you thanks for the good gift of Lisa Reardin  
who expressed the perfection of your love in her life:  
    the perfection of your love in her kind hands  
    the perfection of your love in her warm heart  
    the perfection of your love in her caring words  
    the perfection of your love in a mother's deep care  
    the perfection of your love in her zest for life that just  
        bubbled over in her smile

For what you taught us through her life, we give you thanks,  
And for the quiet faith of sustaining hope, we pray.

Just as she lived and died with us  
Teach us through Jesus  
    whose life and death  
    taught us of a love and a hope  
    that never dies.

On this day (even this day), we simply say:  
    Thank you.

Amen.

## BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you  
May God's face shine upon you and may God be gracious to you  
May God give you grace this day  
    To laugh a little louder in life's joys  
    To cry a little more freely in life's sorrows  
As you go into the world this day, dear friends,  
    Go laughing and crying  
    Go laughing and crying  
        And do not be afraid  
        For God is with you.

Go without fear –  
And be at peace.  
Amen.