



## **“Mokie’s Dark Ride”: Motherhood and Forgiveness**

**Gordon Bolar**

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Music for Gathering Nick Wilson

“Creation” by Tyler Dever

Words of Welcome Bob Davis

Introit: Bob Davis and Nick Wilson

“Come, Come, Whoever You Are” (#188)

Chalice Lighting Bob Davis

Joys and Sorrows Bob Davis

Silent Meditation

Video “Summer’s End” by John Prine and Pat McLaughlin

Offering Bob Davis

Offertory Nick Wilson

“Love Will Come” by Vince Guaraldi

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us:

*For the countless gifts we each have been given, gifts of life  
and love and sustenance, we bring these small portions, to  
share in the works of love which none of us can accomplish  
alone.*

Reading Gordon Bolar

*Morning Song* by Sylvia Plath

Video Song “For Baby” by John Denver.

Congregation invited to sing along.

Original Play: *Mokie’s Dark Ride*

By Gordon Bolar

Julie Schneeberger, Matthew Morris McCormick, Gordon Bolar

Questions for Sharing and Listening

1. What makes a mother a mother, beyond biology? In the play, or in life?

2. What role does forgiveness play for the characters, Brenda and Roger? What role has forgiveness played in your life?

3. Why is joy important?

4. What are the implications of the play for your life or family?

Guidelines for discussion: Please speak the truth as you understand it; please do not comment on others’ comments until everyone has had a chance to do initial sharing.

Closing video “Forever Young” by Bob Dylan

People joining us via Zoom are invited to stay for small group conversation.

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