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Today is Good Friday. If there was ever a day in which hope needs to manifest itself, then it is this day. Tonight will be a night of music and singing. We need a song in our hearts tonight of all nights. Come and hear our Salado UMC choir do superb and spiritual things for us as they offer their wonderful ministry to God and us.

All of which reminds me, I have a retired pastor friend. Jim Moore told me a story of how the singing of a new song can help the lives of others. It seems that in a certain family there was a mother, father, and four-year-old boy. The parents were expecting another child and the sonogram had said that the child was to be born would be a little girl—a sister to the four-year-old brother. The mother decided to let the little boy do something to bond the siblings to one another and the little boy knew what gift he wanted to give his new, yet to be born sister. Each night he would place his head next to his mother’s stomach and he would sing to his sister, “You are my sunshine, my only sunshine . . .” They repeated this ritual each night until the time of delivery.

But when the child was born, she was lethargic and did not respond to treatment. After three days in the neo-natal intensive care at the hospital, the little girl took an adverse turn. She seemed to lose her will to live and thrive.

In the meantime, her little brother kept asking when the parents were going to bring the little sister home. The parents, who were obviously worried sick, decided to try something to help rouse the child from her serious situation. So, they brought the four-year old brother to the hospital. On the way to the neo-natal care unit, they ran into an over-zealous nurse who declared that the four-year-old could not go in to see his sister. The mother said, however, that he was going to sing to his sister and that was the end of the discussion. After singing a verse of the song, “You are my sunshine,” the family went home to wait, hope, and pray. Something of a miracle then happened. The little girl rallied and went home the next day.

The human spirit is remarkable, especially when tuned to voices that can help us in our time of need. The word of God is vital and as Jesus himself said: “My [kindred] are those who hear the word of God and do it” (Luke 8:21).

Come, Worship
Stay, Learn
Go, Serve