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Hospital Chapel

The hospital chapel is nearly full today. I wonder why; maybe the staff layoffs. Prayer requests tell the stories. Layoffs, test results, mother upstairs, Daughter’s surgery in Detroit, Grandson in Afghanistan, Granddaughter on drugs. Wednesday noon and fears will not Wait another four days. The chaplain raises her voice In prayer; we respond in song. At one pm she sends us out To find our way.

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