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## Lecturer finds true joy in her faith

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For well-known Christian Science lecturer Elise Moore, the truth of her faith is in the joy it provides.

"It is a joyous religion," Moore, a native of Nashville, said. "The foundation of Christian Science is man's relationship to God. You are loved. God delights in us. Christian Science brings out that sense of joy and delight and love."

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"No one can be beyond God's are or love," she added.

Moore, who has been working in full time ministry since 1985, is speaking at Patterson Park Community Center, located on Mercury Boulevard, Sunday, Nov. 13. She will be giving her lecture "The Christianity of Christian Science: Being God's Song" at 1:30 p.m.

Writing a lecture, Moore explained, can be difficult — especially when the topic is as close to her

heart as "Being God's Song" is. Moore enjoys reading the Bible and enjoys studying as much as she can about the text.

In fact, Moore said her "Being God's Song" lecture had to undergo several edits because there was so much she wanted to say on the topic.

It is, Moore explained, a topic she loves.

"We're going to talk about the Bible basis for Christian Science and healing," she said. "We're actually going to do some prayers. It's not just talking about prayer."

"This is the lecture I wanted to give," she added.

The lecturer's love for the Bible extends into the original text. She likes researching some of the original meanings of words.

"When you go back to the original Greek or Hebrew, you discover some inspiration that shines through," Moore said. "That's what I get to do with this talk."

Moore will be stressing the belief that creation is "God's Song," too.

"I love the concept of God delighting in us," she said. "I'm going to talk a lot about that."

Moore's family has a long history in Christian Science, the teacher said. Her mother's family came to follow the religion when the family matriarch was healed of tuberculosis in the 1830s.

Her father's family came into the belief system when a relative was healed of a heart condition.

Although she has deep family roots in Christian Science, Moore believes her faith is deeply personal, too. She likes that Christian Science doesn't push others into believing. The approach her faith takes, Moore said is more "gentle."



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Christian Scientist Lecturer Elise Moore will be speaking at Patterson Park Community Center.

"Christian Science is a gentle approach. We don't push people beyond their understanding of God," she said. "God is working with people in ways that people can understand."

Christian Science is known, Moore said, because of the practitioners' beliefs in the power of faith and healing. Moore said there is more to Christian Science than just miracles.

"I think we're known for that because people are drawn to it," Moore explained.

Christian Science, the teacher added, focuses on "full salvation" and includes salvation from sickness.

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