

RESPOND DEBORAH

look

Take a few moments to gaze upon the artwork on the front of the bulletin. Sit still in the quiet meditation as you observe the visual qualities of what you see: color, line, texture, movement, shape, form. Now take a deeper look. What parts of the image are your eyes most drawn to? What parts of the image did you overlook? Now engage your imagination. What story do you give to the figure?

reflect

- Deborah was the fourth Judge of pre-monarchic Israel and the only female judge named in the bible. Analyze her leadership style. How does she guide the Israelites toward victory?

- What parts of this story make you feel uncomfortable? What parts surprise you?

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