

How We Should See

Dr. Tim Bruster

Matthew 7:1-5

Traditional Worship

11:00 am

January 28, 2018

## WE GATHER

Prelude — Ye Followers of the Lamb  
Edwin Ferguson, composer

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship — All That Hath Life and Breath,  
Praise Ye the Lord  
René Clausen, composer

### \*Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made!  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### \*Hymn 454 — Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall **unclasp** and set me free. ←  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Word of the Day:  
See

Memory Verse:  
Do to others as  
you would have  
them do to you.  
- Matthew 7:12

Unclasp means  
to release the grip  
on something,  
to let go.



✧Affirmation of Faith (written by the Confirmation Class of 2018)

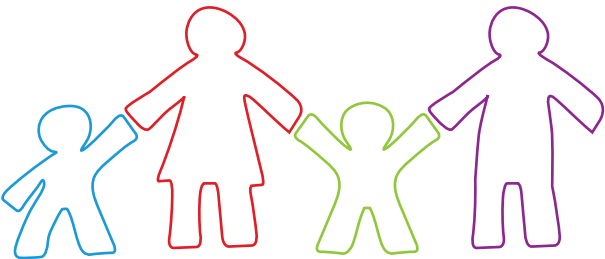
We believe god the Father is our creator  
who we love and worship.  
Our all-powerful Lord and protector  
who is present even in our loneliest moments.

We believe Jesus Christ is our Savior  
who delivers us from sin,  
who is trustworthy, selfless, pure, and caring.

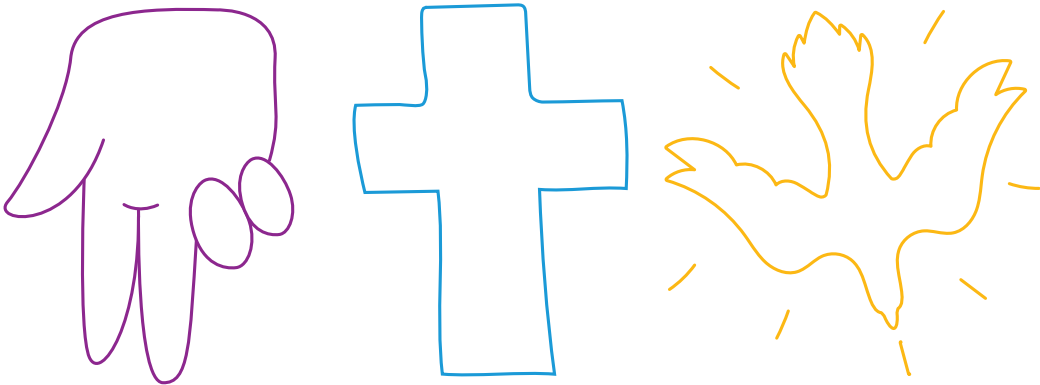
We believe the Holy Spirit is God's voice inside of us,  
who guides us in our faith,  
and helps us make the right choices.

We believe the church is a safe haven for people  
to worship God and express their ideas as a community,  
and a big family that teaches people through Christ.

We believe we can love God and our neighbors  
by being kind, helpful, and caring,  
and by praying and serving. Amen.



✧Gloria Patri  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;



As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.

Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.

Gloria Patri means "Glory to the Father." This short hymn of praise has been sung by Christians for many centuries.

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture — Matthew 7:1-5  
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.  
Thanks be to God.

\*Ushers will pass out the attendance pads at this time.

Faith Like a Child

✧Passing the Peace

Sermon — How We Should See  
Head over to the sermon on the next page, but come back here after the sermon is over.

WE RESPOND

Service of Confirmation  
Vows of Confirmation  
Act of Confirmation  
Vows of Membership

Service of Holy Communion

Introduction  
Invitation

A Time of Giving

Offertory — Dry Bones  
Livingston Gearhart, arranger

In addition to your regular contribution, every one dollar (\$1) bill placed in the offering plate during the month of January will support First Street Mission Financial Assistance. Thank you for reaching out to others.

The Great Thanksgiving

Scripture:  
Each week we read from the Bible — the book of God's love. Its words can inspire you, comfort you, teach you, and challenge you to be your best self — a true servant of God.

You can listen as the scripture is read, or ... Find a Bible nearby, look up the scripture, and follow along.

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Communion  
Jesus gave his friends a special meal of bread and juice. He wanted them to remember that, no matter what, his love would always be with them.

Sermon Snips:  
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



Draw a map of the sermon.

Include the sermon path and all the twists and turns.

Along the way, draw important images

OR WORDS you hear.



Look around.  
What is something you see that helps you know God's love is real?

How We  
Should See

Did you just hear a word or phrase you don't understand? Write it down and ask your parents about it, or look it up when you get home.

Write a  
"Thank You"  
Note to God.

Imagine you are the one giving the sermon. What would you tell everyone?



The Lord's Prayer

Find the Prayer Cross in your worship kit. The cord has five knots, and there are five parts to the prayer Jesus taught his friends. Hold each knot between your thumb and forefinger as you say the different parts of the prayer.

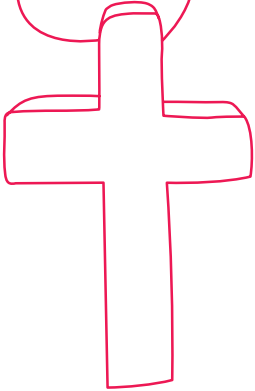
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Many years after Jesus went to heaven, the early church added this part of the prayer. Hold the prayer cross close to your heart as you say this part.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Special Music – And Can it Be  
Dan Forrest, composer

✧ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

✧ Hymn 558 – We Are the Church

**Refrain**  
I am the church! You are the church!  
We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!  
Yes, we're the church together.

1. The church is not a building;  
the church is not a steeple;  
the church is not a resting place;  
the church is a people.

**Refrain**

2. We're many kinds of people,  
with many kinds of faces,  
all colours and all ages, too  
from all times and places.

**Refrain**

3. Sometimes the church is marching;  
sometimes it's bravely burning,  
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding;  
always it's learning.

**Refrain**

4. And when the people gather,  
there's singing and there's praying;  
there's laughing and there's crying  
sometimes,  
all of it saying:

**Refrain**

5. At Pentecost some people  
received the Holy Spirit  
and told the Good News through the world  
to all who would hear it.

Congregational Blessings

Members of the household of God, I commend these young people to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

✧ Benediction

Do all the good you can.  
By all the means you can.  
In all the ways you can.  
In all the places you can.  
At all the times you can.  
To all the people you can.  
As long as ever you can. Amen.

How are you going to be one of God's people in the world this week?

✧ Postlude – Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him  
Anna Laura Page, arranger

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Ronnie Pyeatt by Dianne & Ben Fisher, Elaine & Homer Davis and Sandra & Allan Howeth.

The white carnation symbolizes our sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Tompkins.

**Worship Leaders:**

Dr. Tim Bruster Senior Pastor  
Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts  
Mrs. Peggy Graff, Organist/Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts  
**Liturgists:** Rev. Phyllis Barren, Rev. Casey Orr, Dr. Mike Marshall  
**Faith Like a Child:** Mister Mark; Lylah Mills, helper  
**Procession:** Will Robertson  
**Choir:** Centenary College Choir

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**Confirmation class of 2018:** Aiden Kojo Boaitey, Luke Christian Bolger, Blake Harold Brown, Sarah Kathryn Bruce, Ava Bremond Bryant, Samuel Klein Bumgardner, Collin Jackson Burross, James William Davidson, Dylan Andrew Davis, Corbin Davis Dilday, Patrick Addison Drez, Andrew Steele Edwards, Grady Thomas Frazier, Robert Cleveland Fulghum, Matthew Gray Golemon, Canon Ryan Hamilton, Meredith Mackenzie Harwell, Leo Mather Hohman, Katherine Faith Johnson, Miller Thomas Johnson, Addison Taylor Kerr, Rowan Elise Lavelle, Nicholas Lee Lindstrom, Samuel Edwin Looney, Bailey Jay Markle, Brant Campbell Martin, Jr., William Buchanan Martin, Grayson Raines Matthews, Ashlyn Nicole McPeak, Addie Pearl Miller, Isaac Ranen Mitchell, Austin Paul Moore, Alexis Rebecca Nader, Henry Quinn Nethery, Kate Mary Margaret Nethery, Keris Eden Neuweiler, Rush Alexander Parchman, Pearson Stowe Payne, Evelyn Grace Scaling Brown, Hadley Jo Schrimpf, William Morgan Scott, Mary Eloise Senter, Jane Elizabeth Shelton, Elle Marie Snyder, Jack Thomas Swearingen, Michael David Tapp, Carly Rose Walker, Jacob Louis Wall

# WORSHIP KIT

↪ INSIDE YOU WILL FIND ↪

## TREASURES OF NATURE BOX

One of the best ways we can experience God's power and love is by cherishing God's handiwork in the wonders of nature. Carefully open the box and discover what treasures wait inside.

## BLANK CARD

You can use the pencil and crayons to make a *Thank You* note for someone in the Sanctuary who helped make worship feel special to you. It could be a parent, a minister, a choir member, an usher, or someone in the next pew who gave you a friendly wave. After the service, ask your parents to take you to hand-deliver the card.

## ANOINTING BALM

Use the anointing balm to bless a friend or family member sitting next to you. Rub a tiny bit of the balm on your thumb and trace the sign of the cross on your neighbor's forehead or back of the hand (whichever they prefer). As you do this, say a simple blessing, such as "God bless you." (It's not just for sneezes.) Or, for a longer blessing, you could say:

*You are a special person.  
God loves you, and so do I.  
Bless you.*

And don't forget to allow your neighbor the privilege of getting to bless you.

## PIPE STEMS

There are so many things you can do with pipe stems. You could:

- Listen to the sermon and sculpt an object you hear mentioned.
- Shape them in the initials of someone you'd like to pray for.
- Look around the Sanctuary and sculpt something you see.
- Sculpt a flower and give it to a family member.
- Make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend, or to a new member.

## PRAYER CROSS

The cross is such a powerful symbol of God's love and hope. Anytime is a good time to hold on to the cross. See inside the bulletin for how to use the prayer cross during the Lord's Prayer.

## TANGLE

Listen to a piece of music or a Bible story and mold the tangle to show how it makes you feel. Does it make you feel:

- Open and ready for God's presence?
- Tangled and confused?
- Wrapped snugly and securely?
- Calm like a gentle stream?
- Not sure?

## PENCIL AND CRAYONS

Use these to write notes in your bulletin, draw a prayer, illustrate a story you hear in the sermon, or even ask hard questions.

## CLOTH FIGURE

Here are just a few things you can do with the cloth figure:

- Have it act out the events in the Bible story.
- Help it read the bulletin.
- Gently hold it the way God is holding you right now.

## EYE SPY CARD AND TELESCOPE

Use the Eye Spy card to identify some of the many meaningful objects and symbols in our Sanctuary. Use the telescope to help you explore.

