



Grace is Presence

Dr. Tim Bruster

Genesis 3:1-9

Traditional Worship

11:00 am

February 18, 2018

WE GATHER

Prelude — Psalm 57
John Tebay, composer

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Soloist: Kumbayah, My Lord, Kumbayah
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O, Lord, Kumbayah.

Leader: When our paths are confused and unraveling, we know

Congregation: God is with us.

Choir: Kumbayah, My Lord, Kumbayah

Leader: When we are afraid and uncertain, we know

Congregation: God is with us.

Choir: Kumbayah, My Lord, Kumbayah

Leader: When worry threatens to undo us, we know

Congregation: God is with us.

Choir: Kumbayah, My Lord, Kumbayah.

Leader: God's love never abandons. God's love never gives up.

Wherever we find ourselves, we know:

Congregation: God is with us.

All: O, Lord, Kumbayah

*Hymn 138 — The King of Love My Shepherd Is (vs. 1, 2, 5, & 6)

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy **unction** grace bestoweth; ←
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Word of the Day:
Presence

Memory Verse:
God is with us
— Is. 8:8

Uction is the act of anointing someone with oil or anointing balm. It's a way of blessing someone. You have anointing balm in your backpack. You can bless someone.

*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God who has created and is creating,



who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,



who works in us and others by the Spirit.



We trust in God. We are called to be the church.

To celebrate God's presence.

To love and serve others.

To seek justice and resist evil.

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.



In death



In life

In life beyond death

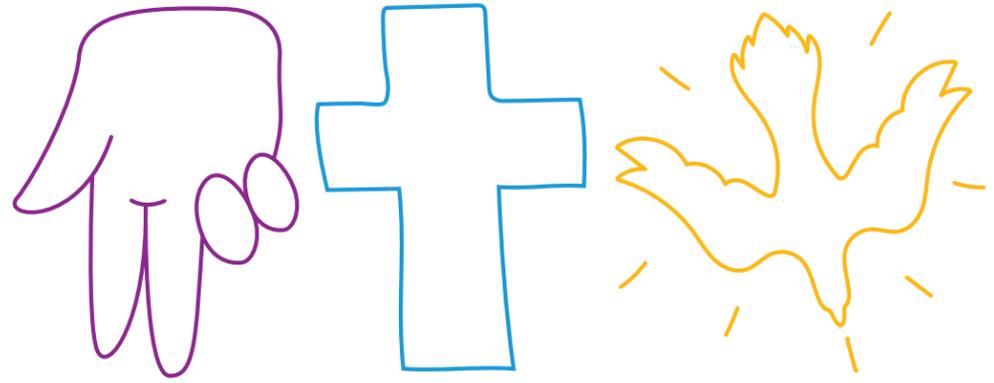


Thanks be to God.

God is with us. We are not alone.



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



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

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.

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture — Genesis 3: 1-9
 God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
 Thanks be to God.

Special Music — In Bright Mansions Above
 Roland M. Carter, arranger

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

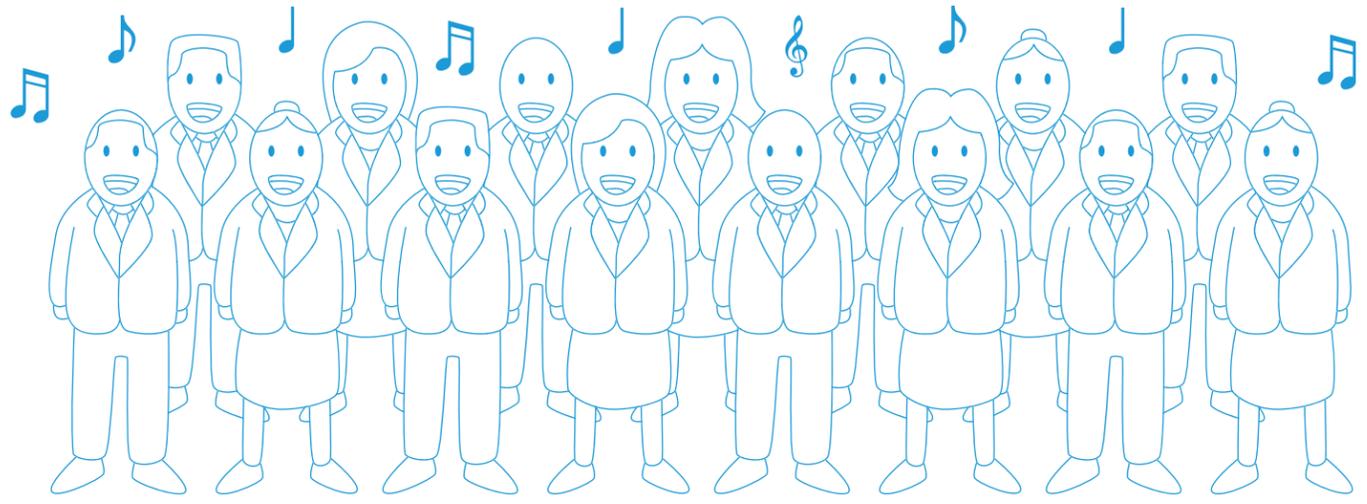
Faith Like a Child

*Passing the Peace

Special Music — Lord, If I Got My Ticket (Can I Ride?)
 Stacy V. Gibbs, composer

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.



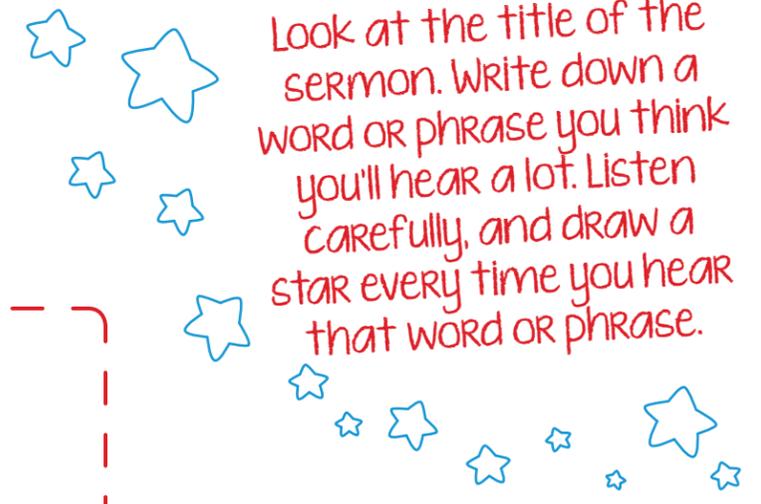
Sermon Snips:
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



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Look at the title of the sermon. Write down a word or phrase you think you'll hear a lot. Listen carefully, and draw a star every time you hear that word or phrase.



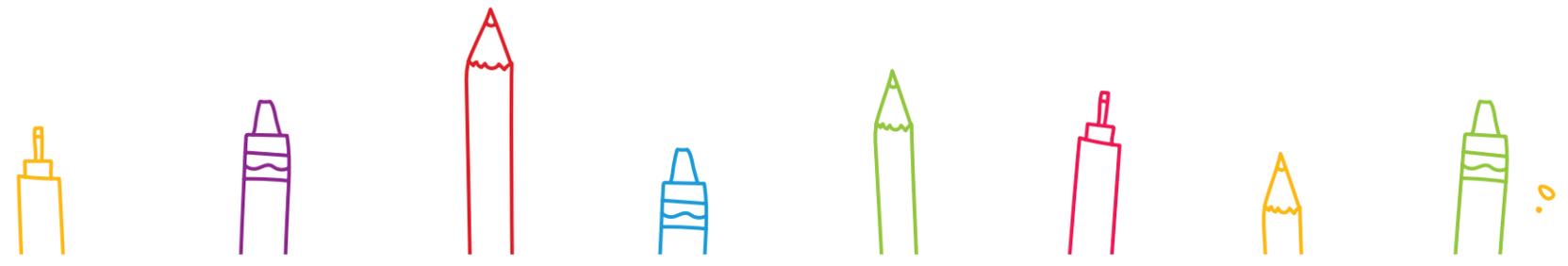
What about the sermon surprised you?

Take the Bible story, or one of the stories from the sermon, and create a storyboard. Think of it as a 4-panel comic strip that tells the story.



Be mindful.
What is something deep inside you that God wants the world to know?

Make a list of all the things that distract you during the sermon. Can you fix some of these? Can God help?



A time of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Experiencing the Means of Grace: Meditation and Prayer

Devote this time of silence to quiet reflection in this sacred space. Think about what you have heard. Look around at the beauty of the sanctuary and the people with whom you are sharing this moment. Allow your heart and mind to wander while focusing on the meaning of God's grace.

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.

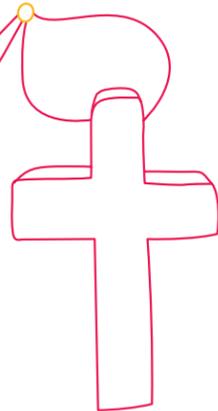
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.

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

WE RESPOND

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.



A Time of Giving

Offertory – Sweet Home

Wendell P. Whalum, SR., ARRANGER

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn 334 – There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we will be revived
When we shall leave this place.

*Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what will we do?

We will go out to be God's people in the world.

May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

*Choral Benediction – Battle Hymn Of The Republic

C. Cymbala, ARRANGER

*Postlude – How Firm a Foundation

Dale Wood, ARRANGER

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in honor of Pat and Arch Van Meter in celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary by John, David and Phillip Van Meter and their families.

The white carnations symbolize our sympathy to the families and friends of Sandy Ritthaler and Guy McCollum.

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. Casey Orr, Rev. Linda McDermott, and Mr. Roy Eaton

Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark, Ellie Robertson, helper

Choir: Wiley College Choir, Mr. Stephen Hayes, director

Soloist: Dr. Sarah Pepper, soprano

Acolytes: Canon Hamilton and Katherine Johnson

Procession: Anna Johnson, Edward and Henry Holman

Worship Planning Team: Rev. Linda McDermott, Dr. Tim Bruster, Robert Stovall, Peggy Graff, Kat Bair, Casey Orr, Mark Burrows, Elaine Johnson

*Please stand as you are able.

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

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.

