

We are Called to be the Church

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1 Corinthians 12:27, Galatians 6:10, 1 Peter 2:9-10a

Traditional Worship

11:00 am

May 20, 2018

WE GATHER

Prelude — *Sinfonia con Tromba, I. Allegro*
Giuseppe Torelli, composer

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

*Call to Worship

We are called to be the church, the Body of Christ in this world.

We are called to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others.

As the Body of Christ in this world,

We are called to seek justice and resist evil.

As the Body of Christ in this world,

We are called to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

Let us go out to be the church, the Body of Christ in this world.

God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

*Hymn — *O Spirit of the Living God*

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.

Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious **commonweal**.

Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

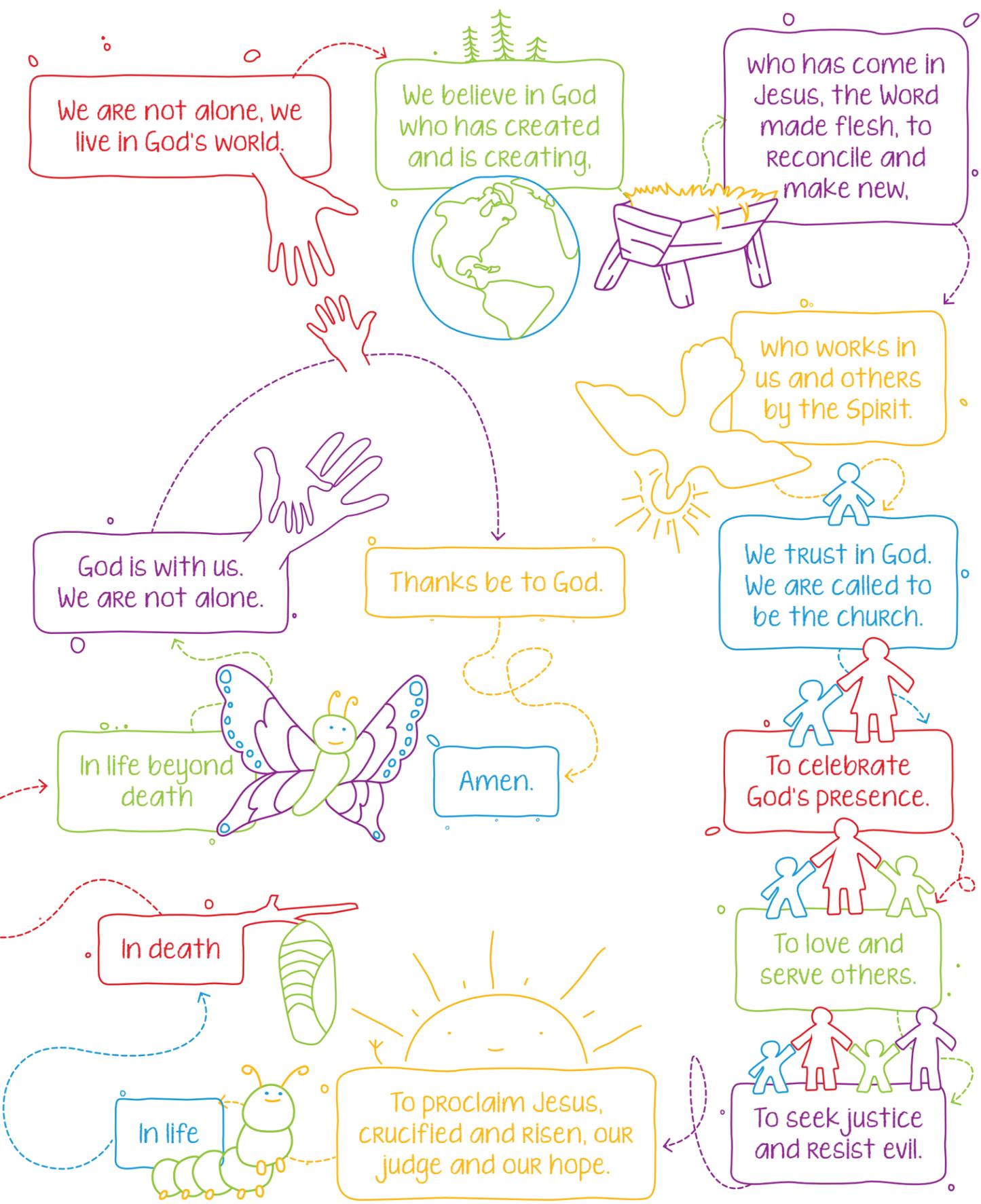
So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

Word of the Day:
Church

Memory Verse:
You are the
body of Christ.
— 1 COR. 12:27

Commonweal
means "for the
good of the
community."

*Affirmation of Faith



*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 – I Corinthians 12:27, Galatians 6:10, I Peter 2:9-10a
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Dan R. Edwards, arranger

Faith Like a Child

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn – 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!

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

Refrain

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

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

Refrain

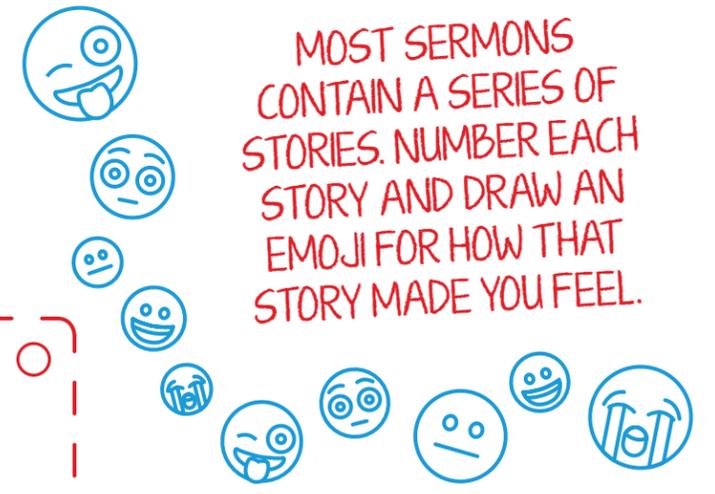
Scripture: Each week we read from the Bible – the book of God's love. Its words can inspire you, comfort you, teach you, and challenge you to be your best self – a true servant of God.

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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MOST SERMONS
CONTAIN A SERIES OF
STORIES. NUMBER EACH
STORY AND DRAW AN
EMOJI FOR HOW THAT
STORY MADE YOU FEEL.



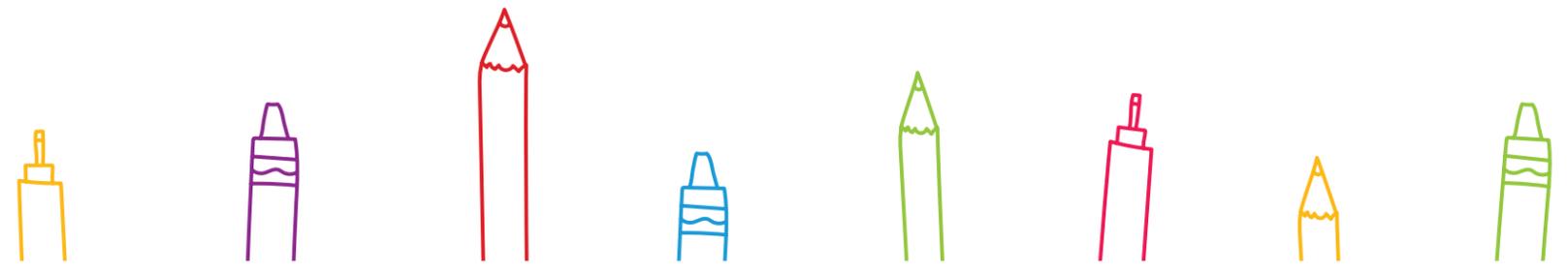
If the sermon is about a Bible hero, think of the person in your life who is most like that hero. Write about that person, or make an illustration.



Did you just hear something you disagree with? Argue about it.



Listen. What is something you hear that gives you a sense of wonder? Of peace? Of hope?



Did the sermon remind you of a story from your life? Write about that story... or illustrate it.

WE RESPOND

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Special Music — Tower Praises

Karen Lakey Buckwalter, composer

A Time of Giving

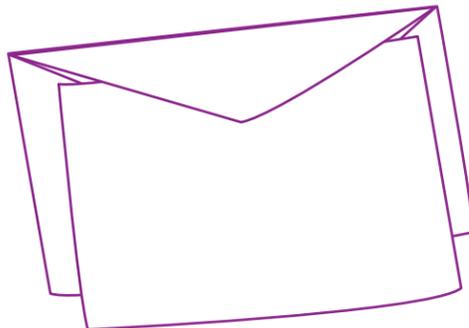
Offertory — When In Our Music God is Glorified

Mack Wilberg, arranger
Find the offering envelope in your worship kit. Write your first and last name on the envelope, then put in the money you plan to give to the church. Place the envelope in the offering plate. Every dollar makes a difference!

*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 — Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
Voice of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine.
Kindle every high desire, purify me with your fire.

Holy Spirit, power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine.
Boldly may I always live, bravely serve, and gladly give.

Holy Spirit, law divine, reign within this soul of mine.
Be my law, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

Holy Spirit, peace divine, still this restless heart of mine.
Speak to calm this tossing sea, grant me your tranquility.

Holy Spirit, joy divine, gladden now this heart of mine.
In the desert ways I sing - spring, O Living Water, spring!

*Reception of New Members

*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.

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

*Congregational Closing — Let There Be Peace on Earth

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

*Postlude — Sinfonia con Tromba, IV. Allegro

Giuseppe Torelli, composer

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. Linda McDermott

Choir: Choral Union

Instrumentalist: Taylor White, trumpet

Fifth Street Bells: Matthew Lee, interim director

Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark, Landon Peugh, helper

Procession Leader: Ellie Robertson

*Please stand as you are able.

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.

