

A Plumb Line  
DR. TIM BRUSTER  
Amos 7:7-15

Traditional Worship  
11:00 am  
July 22, 2018

## WE GATHER

Prelude — Assurance (Blessed Assurance)

J. BERT CARLSON, ARRANGER

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

### \*Call to Worship

O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things!

**We will sing to the Lord a new song!**

God remembers us with steadfast love and righteousness!

**We will sing to the Lord a new song!**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing praises with instruments and the sound of melody!

**We will sing to the Lord a new song!**

Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands;

let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord!

**We will worship God with gladness!**

**We will sing to the Lord a new song!**

### \*Hymn 103 — Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small,  
in all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

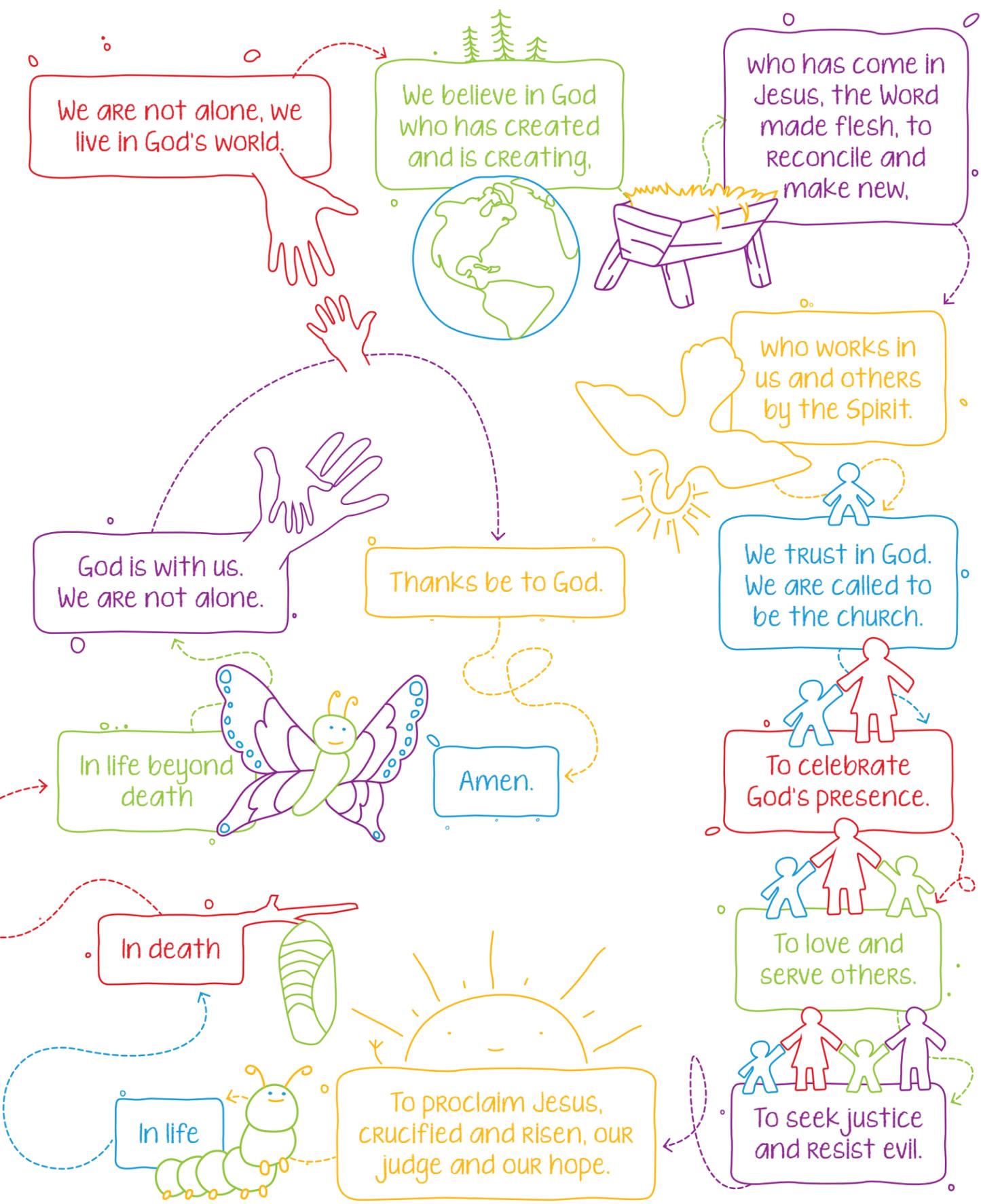
Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Word of the Day:  
Newness

Memory Verse:  
We will sing to the  
LORD a new song!  
— Psalm 96:1

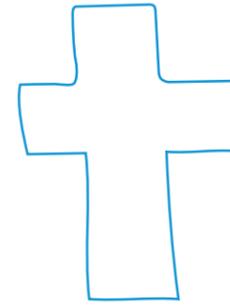
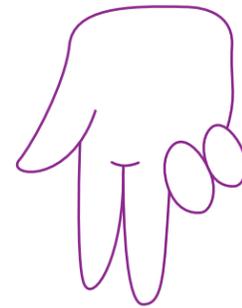
We may not be  
able to see God  
with our eyes, but  
we can see God's  
love do amazing  
things. When  
was a time you  
saw God's love in  
action?

# \*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

### Sacrament of Baptism

Milo Anthony Segreti, son of Katie and Alex Segreti  
Weston Cole Woods, son of Tara and Cully Woods

### Baptismal Hymn — Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

### Congregational Response

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that **Milo Anthony** and **Weston Cole**, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

### Scripture — Amos 7:7-15

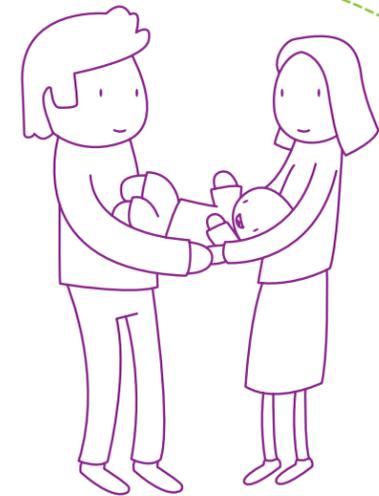
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.  
Thanks be to God.

### Special Music — Hear Ye, Israel (from Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn, composer

### Faith Like a Child

### \*Passing the Peace



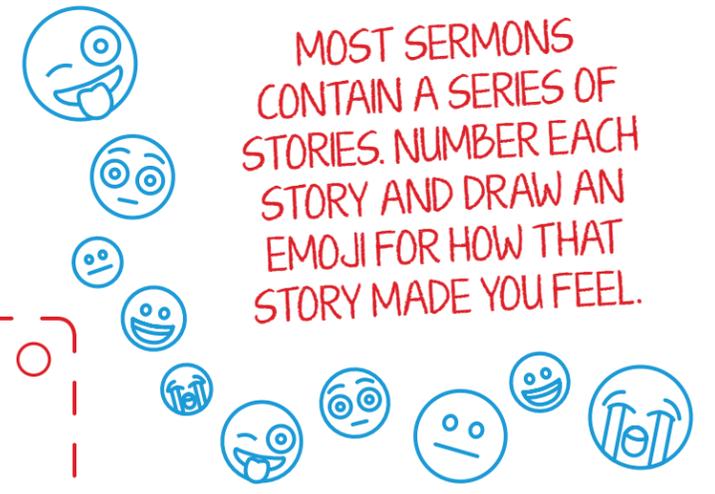
Baptism: When someone is baptized, it's a chance for all of us to celebrate how much God loves that person. God loves each one of us, not because of anything we do, but simply because we are God's children.

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.



# A Plumb Line

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



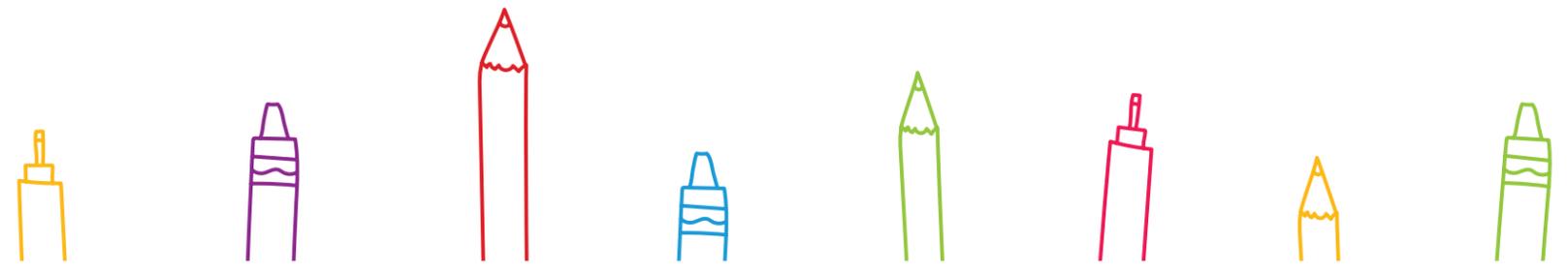
If the sermon is about a Bible hero, think of the person in your life who is most like that hero. Write about that person, or make an illustration.



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.

## A Time of Giving

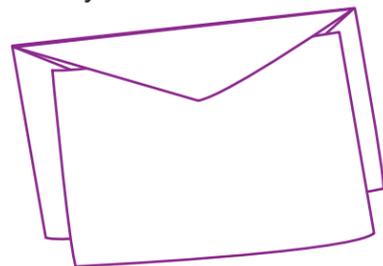
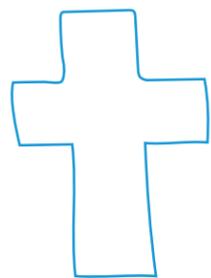
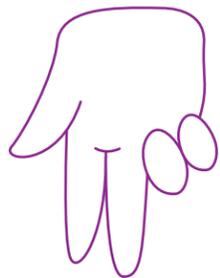
### Offertory – Soon and Very Soon

André Crouch, composer

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.



## \*Hymn 108 – God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

God hath spoken by the prophets, spoken the unchanging Word,  
Each from age to age proclaiming, God the One, the righteous Lord!  
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil, one firm anchor holdeth fast:  
God eternal reigns forever, God the first, and God the last.

God hath spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son;  
Brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word incarnate, God of God ere time was born;  
Light of Light, to earth descending, Christ, as God in human form.

God yet speaketh by the Spirit, speaketh to our hearts again;  
In the age-long Word expounding God's own message, now as then.  
Thru the rise and fall of nations, one sure faith yet standing fast,  
God abides, the Word unchanging, God the first, and God the last.

### \*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.

### \*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 breath 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 – When Morning Gilds the Skies

Dale Wood, arranger

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of daughter, Dinah Helm Thayer and husband, Bobby Ray Helm by Dee Helm.

### 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, Dr. Mike Marshall

**Faith Like a Child:** Mister Mark, Will Robertson, helper

**Choir:** MorningSong

**Soloist:** Sarah Pepper

**Procession:** Mary Claire and Clyde Colten

\*Please stand as you are able.

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

## \*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

# 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.

