

Where Do You Find Holy Ground These Days?  
DR. TIM BRUSTER  
Exodus 3:1-15

Traditional Worship  
11:00 am  
July 8, 2018

## WE GATHER

Prelude — Piano Quartet, Op. 1, I. Allegro  
Josef Suk, composer

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

### \*Call to Worship (based on Ex. 3:1-15)

This place for us is Holy Ground, a sacred community;

**the place where we sing songs of praise, repeat the stories  
of our faith, and are inspired to be God's people in the world.**

This sacred place calls us to be still and know God's presence

**through whispering winds and burning flames,  
through quiet thoughts and the love of others.**

In this sacred place God disarms the barriers we have placed around us

**and calls us to be a community grounded in love, mercy, justice, and grace.**

Let us honor this sacred place and our sacred calling!

**Let us worship the Lord with our whole being!**

### \*Hymn — The God of Abraham Praise

The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of Everlasting Days,  
and God of Love;  
Jehovah, great I AM!  
by earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name  
forever blest.

The great I AM has sworn;  
I on this oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings **upborne**,  
to heaven ascend.  
I shall behold God's face;  
I shall God's power adore,  
and sing the wonders of God's grace  
forevermore.

The heavenly land I see,  
with peace and plenty blest;  
a land of sacred liberty,  
and endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow,  
and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow  
with mercy crowned.

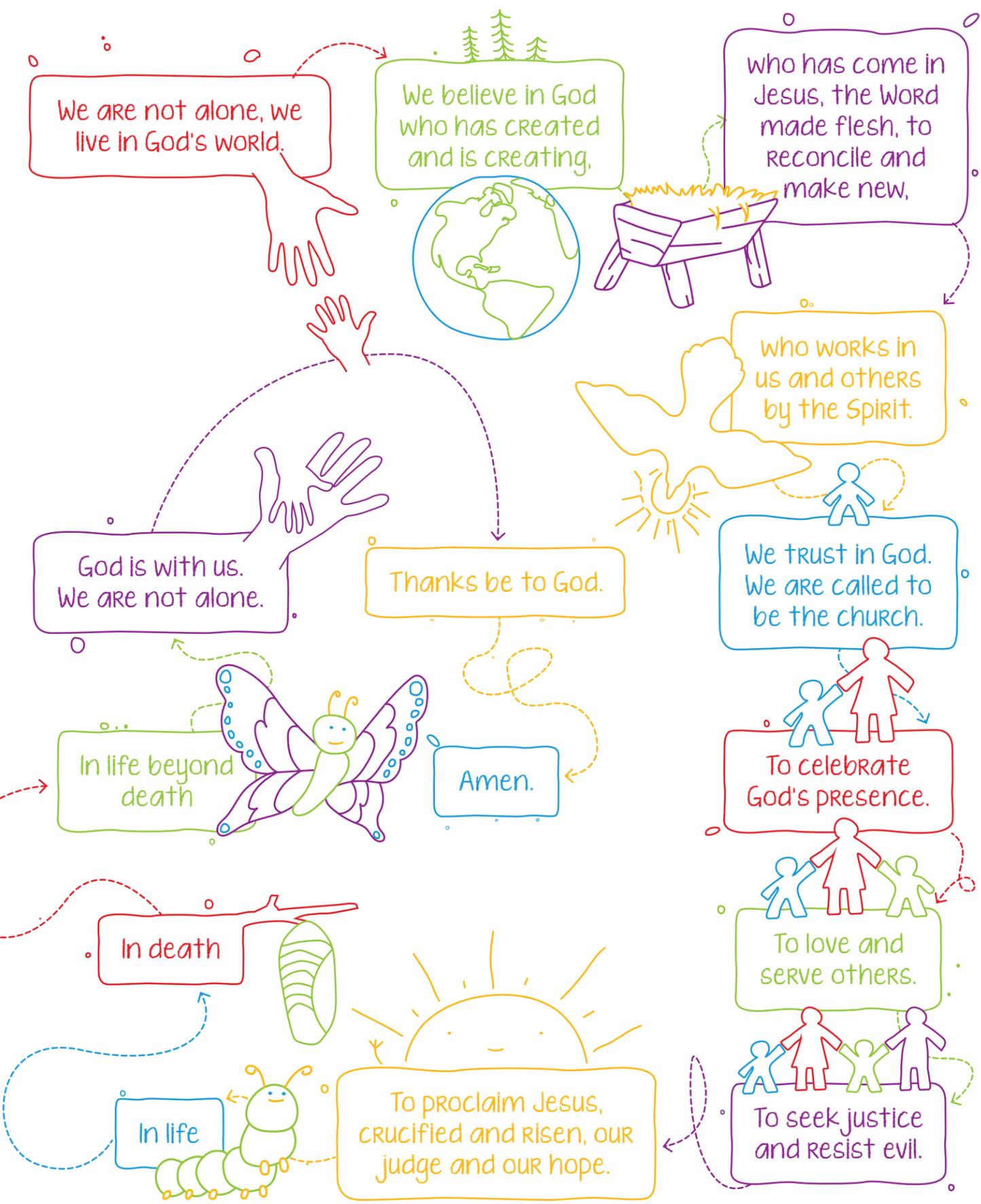
The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry  
"Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same,  
and evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM,  
we worship thee!"

Word of the Day:  
Holy Ground

Memory Verse:  
You are standing  
on Holy Ground.  
— Exodus 3:5

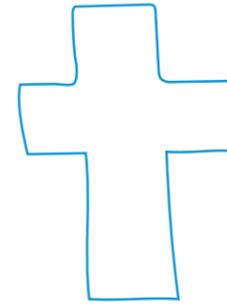
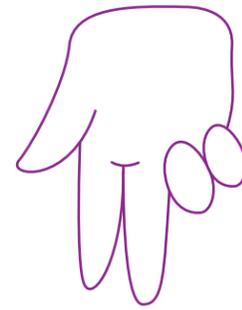
To be upborne  
means to be  
raised up or lifted.

# \*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 — Exodus 3:1-15

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

### Special Music — Wade in the Water Roger Emerson, arranger

### Faith Like a Child

### \*Passing the Peace

### \*Hymn — Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now;  
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.



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.

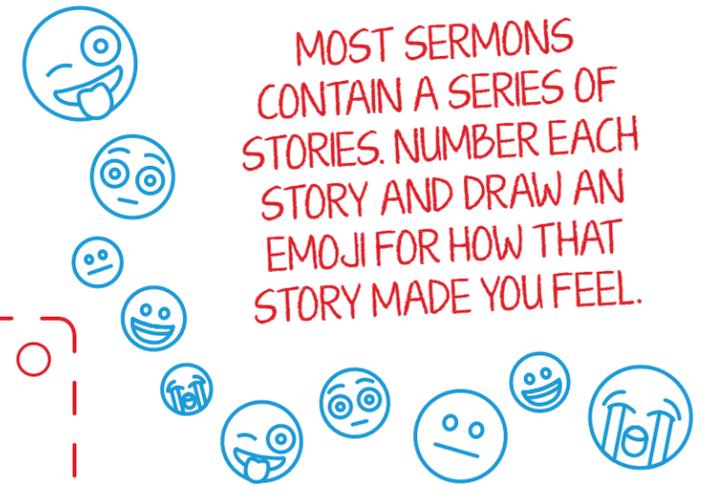
You can listen as the scripture is read, or ... Find a Bible nearby, look up the scripture, and follow along.

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.



# Where Do You Find Holy Ground These Days?

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



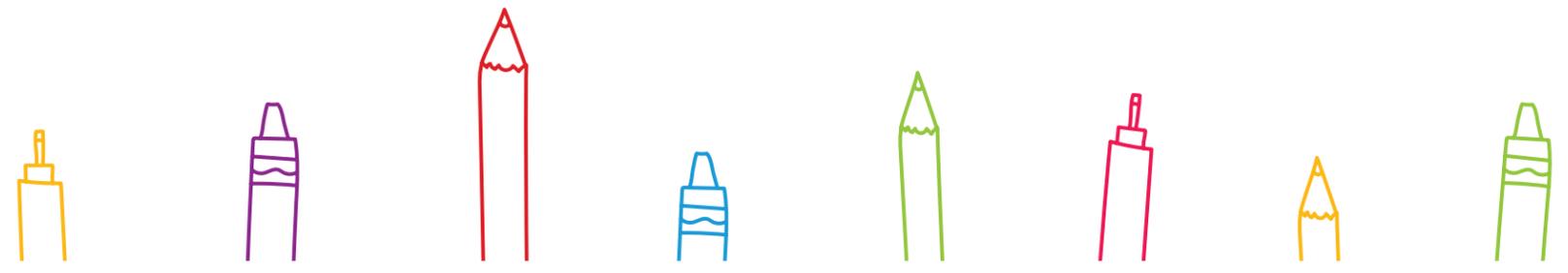
If the sermon is about a Bible hero, think of the person in your life who is most like that hero. Write about that person, or make an illustration.



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

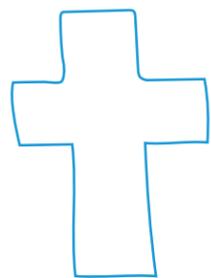
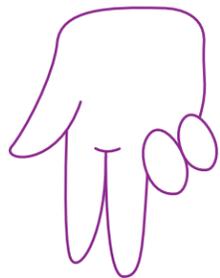
### Offertory – Piano Quartet, Op. I, II. Adagio

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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.



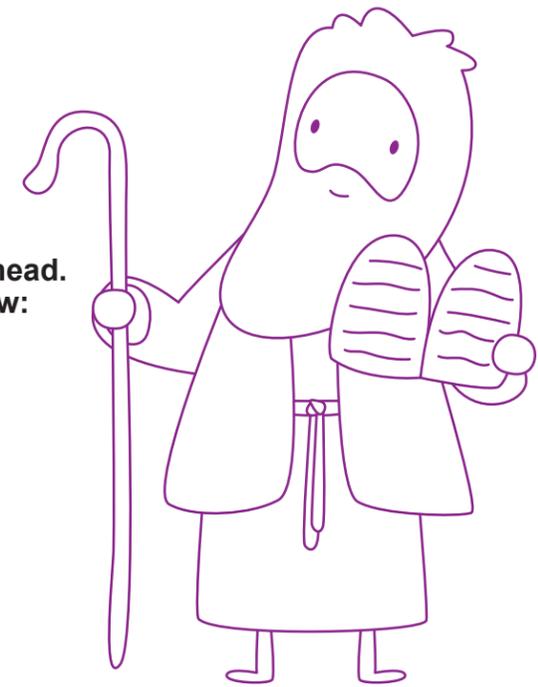
## \*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

## \*Hymn – Our God, You Called to Moses

Our God, you called to Moses to set Your people free.  
What wrongly some suppose is: he answered easily.  
“I’m not the one you’re seeking!” he seemed instead to say.  
“My strength is not in speaking; God, find another way!”

And yet, O Lord, You told him to trust in what You said.  
Your strength would surely hold him through all those days ahead.  
Though many would oppose him, by Your own name he’d know:  
You were the one who chose him to help Your people go.

You call our congregation to serve those lost and poor.  
We doubt our own vocation; we ask, “Lord, are You sure?”  
Yet You give gifts for sharing, You show us what to say.  
Your Spirit gives us daring to serve Christ every day.



## \*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.

## \*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 – Piano Quartet, Op. I, III. Allegra con fuoco

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Penry and Elizabeth Ann and Burl Alexander by Sunya Alexander.

The white carnation symbolizes our sympathy to the family and friends of Linda Morris Eley.

### 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

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

**Choir:** MorningSong

**Instrumentalist:** Solaria Piano Quartet

\*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.

