

"Clear Vision for Today"

DR. TIM BRUSTER

MARK 8:22-25

Traditional Worship

11:00 am

November 11, 2018

WE GATHER

Prelude – Joyful Song
MARY McDONALD, ARRANGER

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, open our eyes

People: That we may see the needs of others

Open our ears

That we may hear the cries of those who suffer

Open our hearts

That we may love more perfectly

For we praise Your name and worship You with our whole lives!

*Hymn 73 – Oh Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the **Ancient of Days**,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

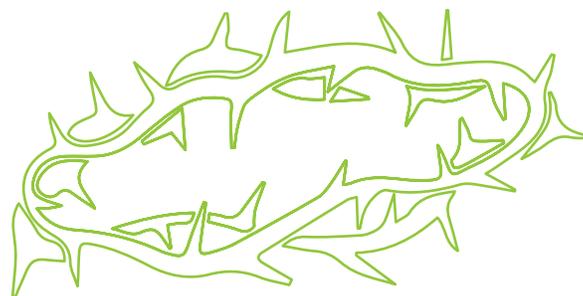
Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Word of the Day:
Vision

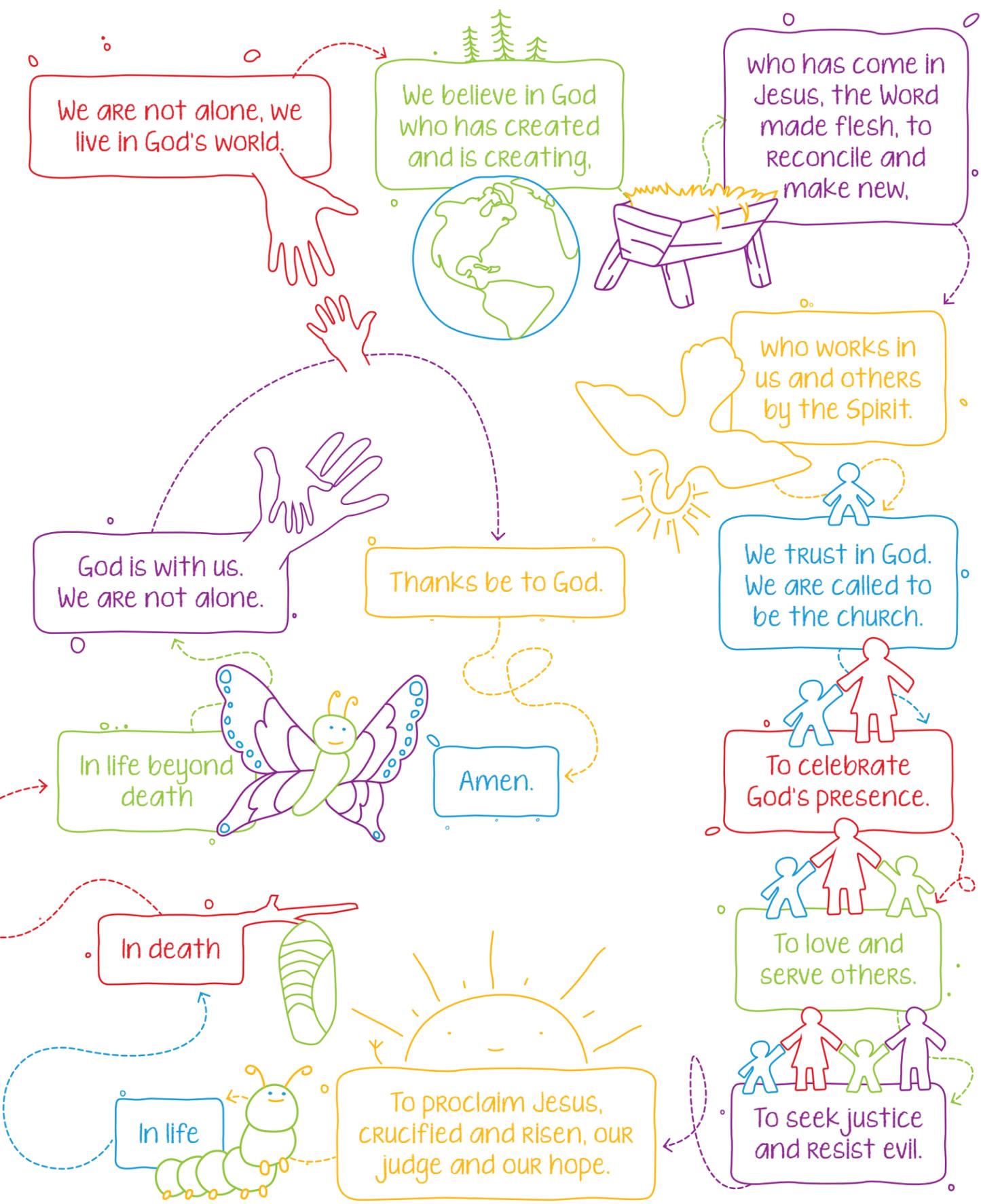
Memory Verse:
He could see
everything
clearly.

– MARK 8:25

Ancient of Days
is a name for God
found in the book
of Daniel.

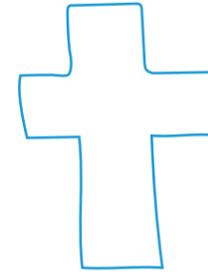


*Affirmation of Faith



*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

Mary Margaret Clarke, daughter of Mary Katherine and James Clarke

Baptismal Hymn 191 (vs. 1) — 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 **Mary Margaret**, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Scripture — Mark 8:22-25

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

Special Music — Lord of the Small

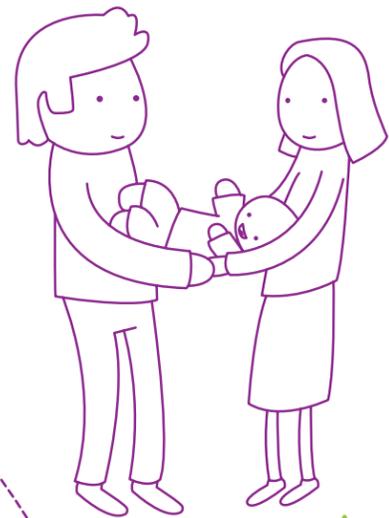
Dan Forrester, arranger

Faith Like a Child

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn 454 — Open My Eyes that I May See

Follow along in your hymnal.



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.

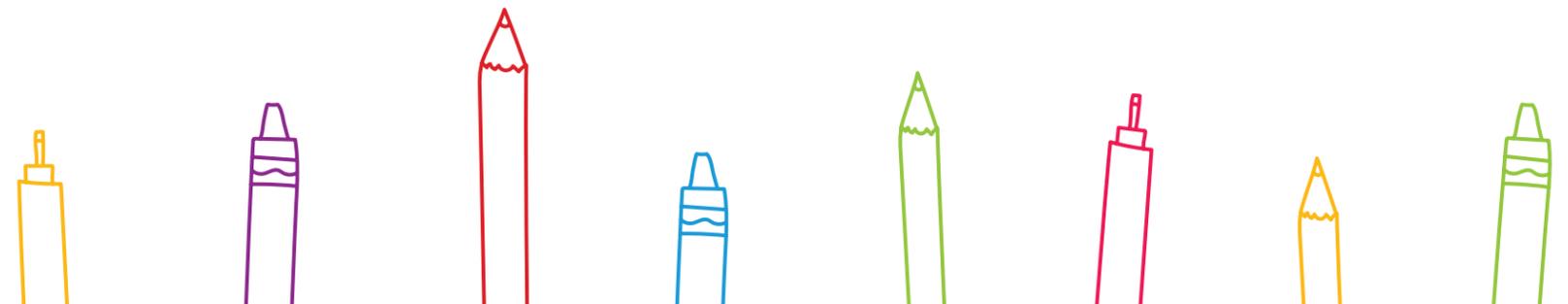


Clear Vision for Today

A large rectangular area with a dashed red border, intended for drawing a map of the sermon.

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?



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?

WE RESPOND

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's 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 — Be Thou My Vision

Alice Parker, 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 95

**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 529 — How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

*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 — Old Hundredth

Piet Post, arranger

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of J.W. Renfro by Sharon Renfro and family.

The red carnation symbolizes our congratulations to Carolina and John Morgan on the birth of their son, Samuel Hilario Morgan.

Worship Leaders:

Sermon, Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor

Liturgists: Rev. Chuck Graff, Rev. Zhenya Gurina-Rodriguez

Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark, Pearl O'Blenis, helper

Choir: Choral Union

Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts

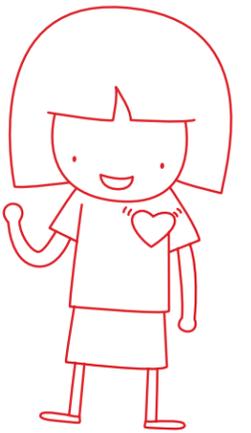
Mrs. Peggy Graff, Organist/Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts

Soloist: Mrs. Bree Mercer, soprano

Acolytes: Preston Brown, Sloan Howard, Libby Kelley

Procession: Lylah Mills

**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.

