

"Looking Forward to the Next 90"

DR. TIM BRUSTER

I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Traditional Worship

11:00 am

November 18, 2018

WE GATHER

Prelude — Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Hugo Gehrke, arranger

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

People: We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

God has done great things, filling us and this world with grace and hope.

We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, 'Thank you!' to the One who loves us.

We will sing our praises,

shouting of God's loving presence in all the world!

*Hymn 694 — Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;

Wheat and tares together **sown** are to joy or sorrow grown. ←

First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;

From the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,

Giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;

But the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home;

Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;

Come, with all Thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Word of the Day:
Builder

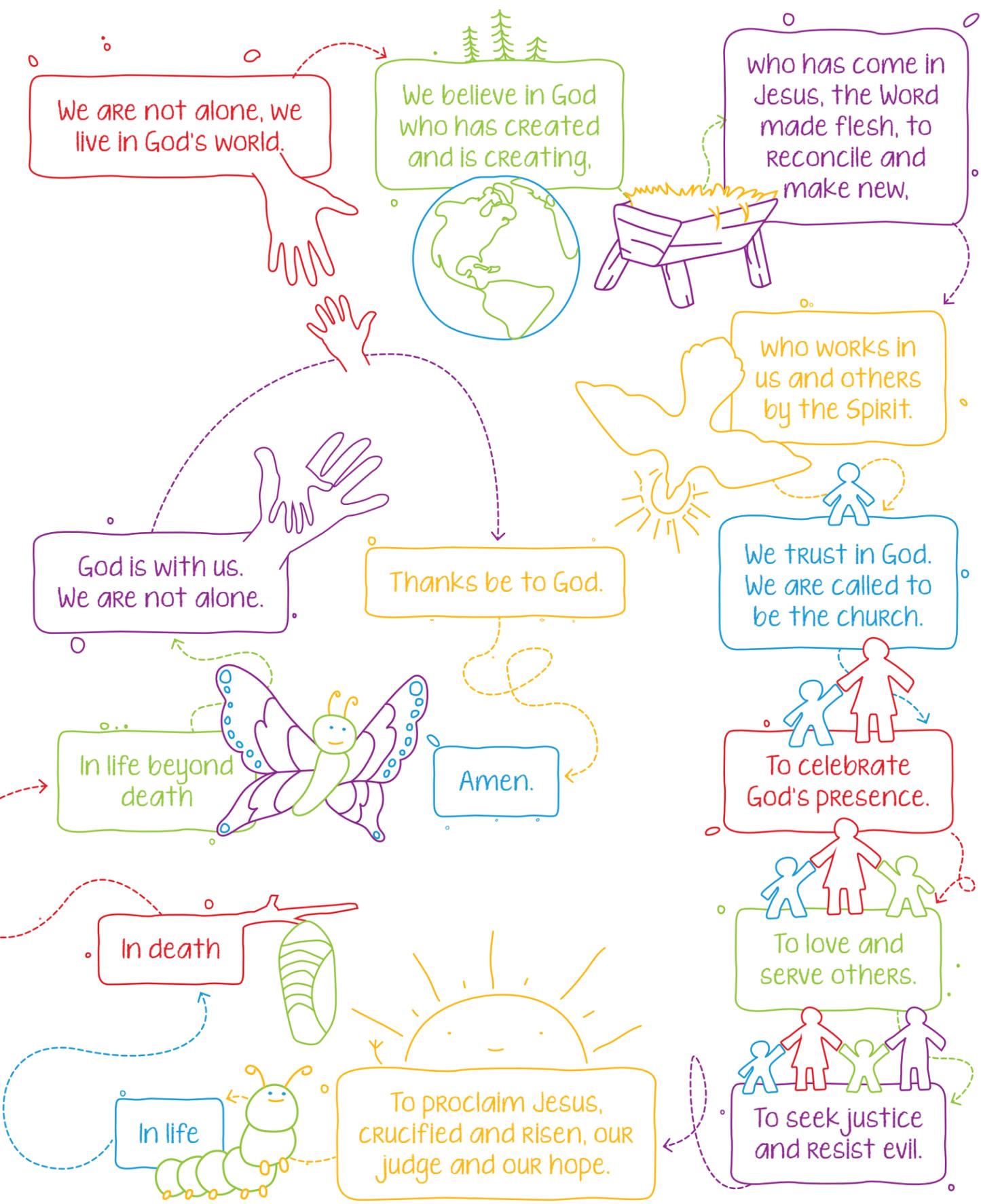
Memory Verse:
For God has
already placed
Jesus Christ as
the one and only
foundation.

— I Corinthians 3:11

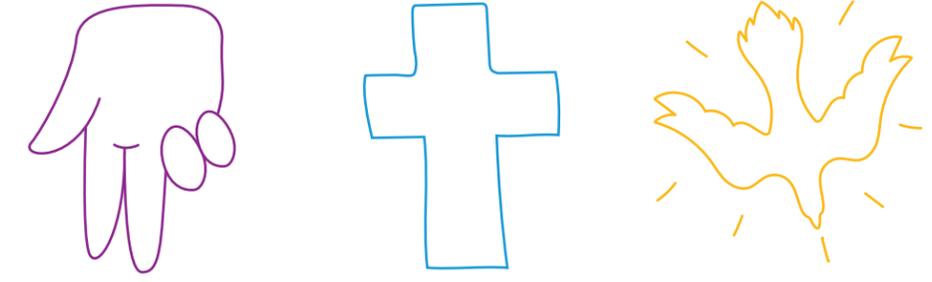
Sowing is a
process of
planting by
scattering seeds.



*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 — 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
 God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
 Thanks be to God.

Special Music — Be Ye Glad
 Michael Kelly Blanchard, arranger

Faith Like a Child

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn 131 — We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
 he chastens and hastens his will to make known.
 The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
 Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
 ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
 so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
 and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
 Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
 thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!



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.



Looking Forward to the Next 90

Draw a map of the sermon.

Include the sermon path and all the twists and turns.

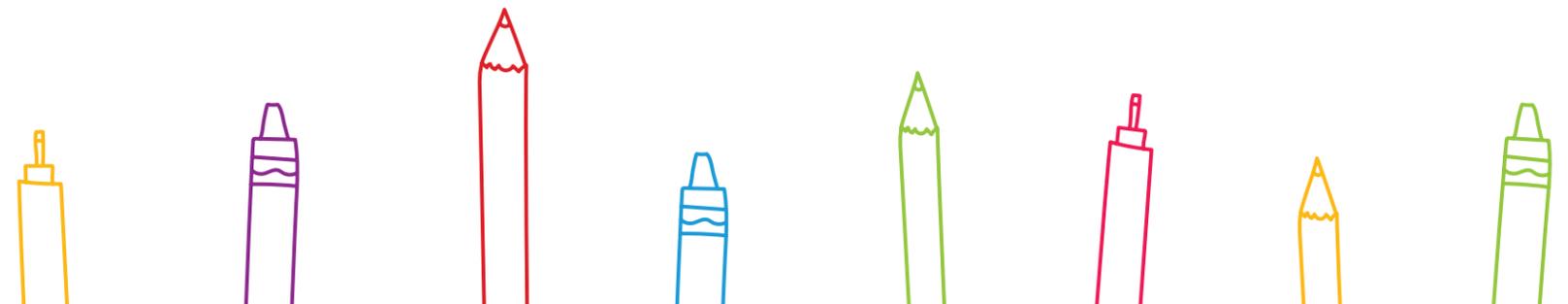
Along the way, draw important images or words you hear.

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

Dan FORREST, 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

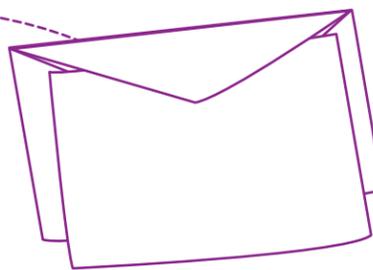
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn 555 – Forward through the Ages

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.**

**Refrain — Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**



**Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.**

Refrain

**Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal.**

Refrain

*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 – Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert, composer

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of our mother, Linda Morris Elsey, who touched so many lives with her kindness and compassion, by Laura Liles and Todd Liles..

The white carnations symbolize our sympathy to the families and friends of Richard Carrol and Steven Allen.

Worship Leaders:

Sermon, Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor

Liturgists: Dr. Mike Marshall, Rev. Carol Roberts, Rev. Chuck Graff

Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark, Davis Wagner, helper

Choir: Singing Men of First Church

Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts

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

Soloist: Mr. Christian Teague, baritone

Acolytes: Jacob and Caleb Seastrunk

*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.

