



"Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, Part I"
DR. TIM BRUSTER
Luke 6:17-26

Traditional Worship
11:00 am
February 17, 2019

WE GATHER

Prelude – Fugue on the "Kyrie"
François Couperin, composer

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.

People: Gracious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.

Gracious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.

Gracious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who blesses the peacemakers.

Gracious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who seeks out the lost.

Gracious God, we worship You with our whole being!

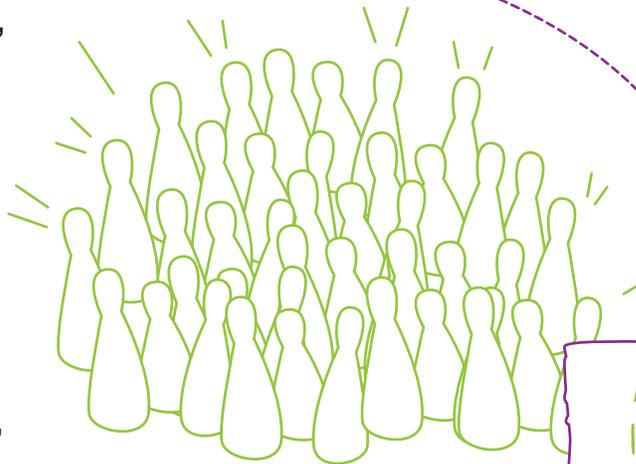
*Hymn 398 – Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

Jesus calls us; o'er the **tumult** ←
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us—by Thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear Thy call;
give our hearts to Thine obedience,
serve and love Thee best of all.

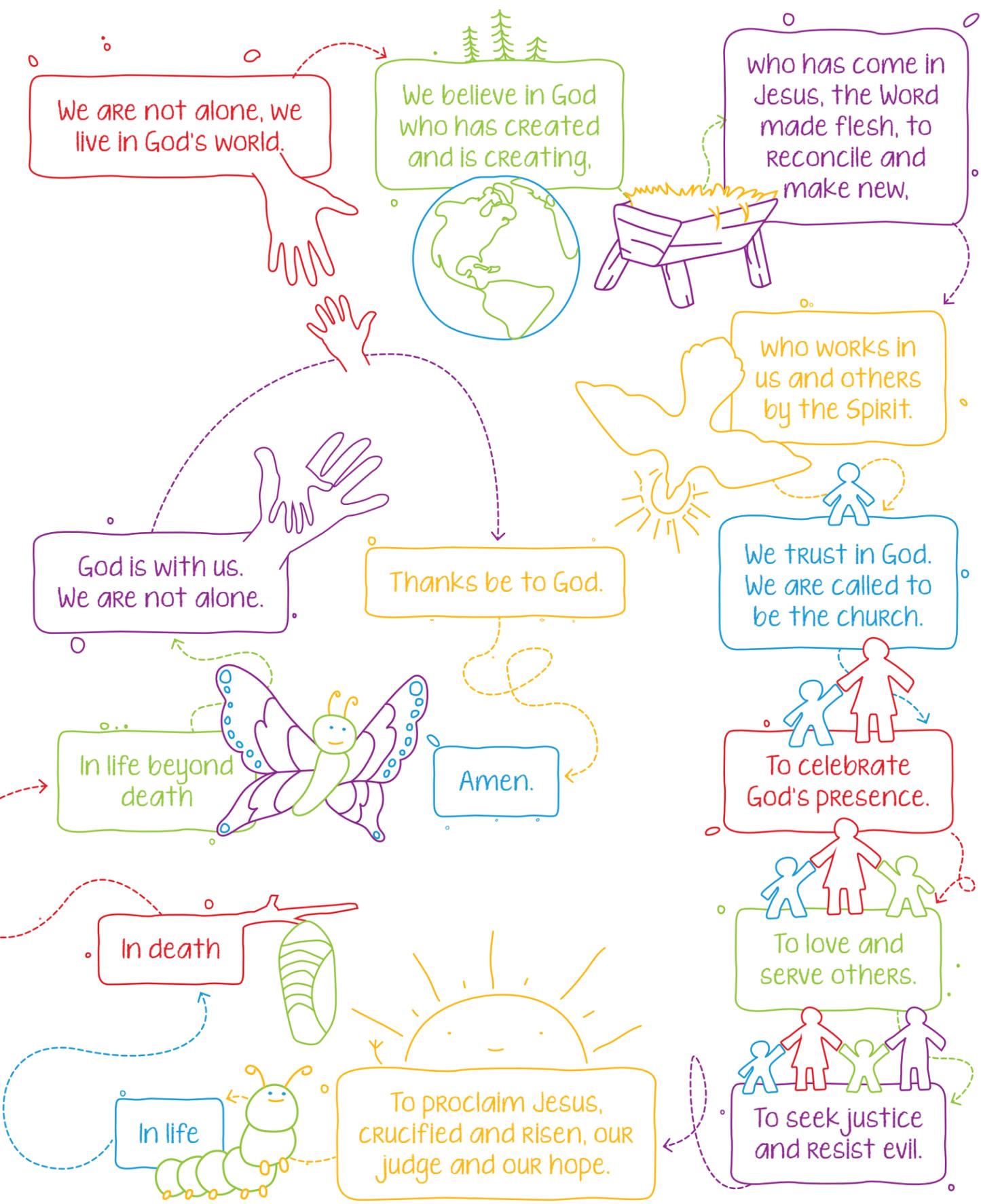


Word of the Day:
Graciousness

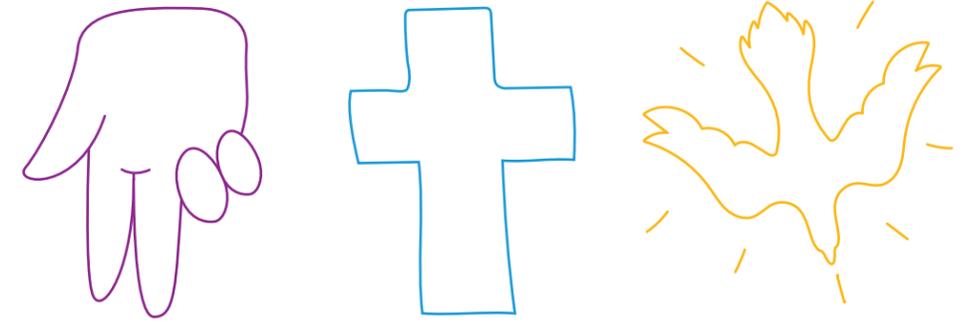
Memory Verse:
Gracious is
OUR God.
– Psalm 116:5

A "tumult" is a
loud, confused
noise, usually
caused by a large
mass of people.

*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.

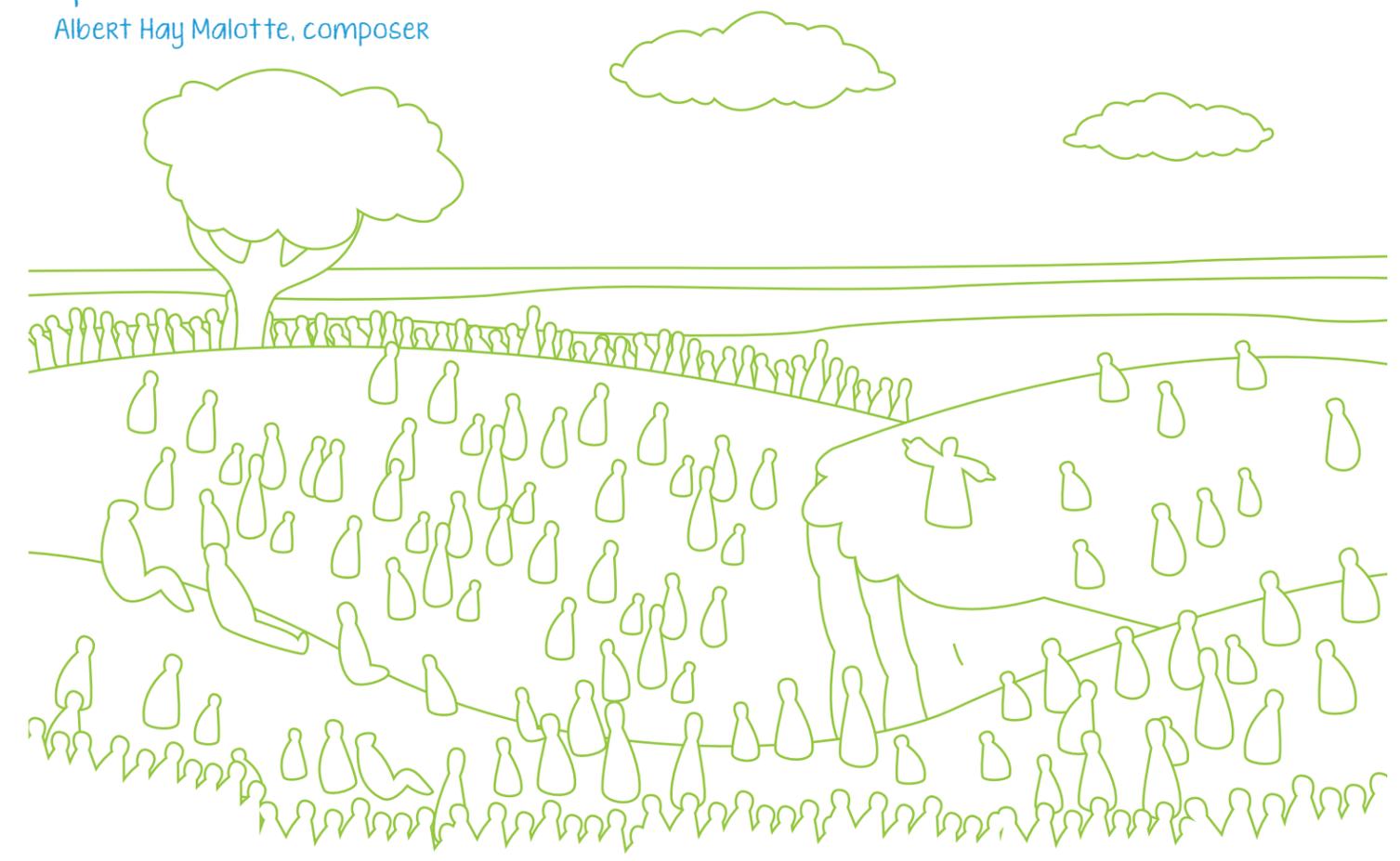
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture — Luke 6:17-26
 God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
 Thanks be to God.

Faith Like a Child
 *Passing the Peace
 Special Music — The Beatitudes
 Albert Hay Malotte, composer



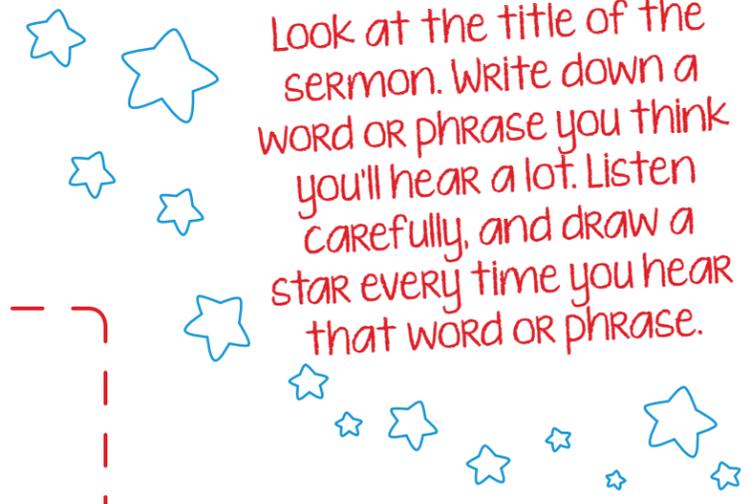
Sermon Snips:
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



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A large dashed red rectangular box intended for students to write their reflections or create a storyboard.

Look at the title of the sermon. Write down a word or phrase you think you'll hear a lot. Listen carefully, and draw a star every time you hear that word or phrase.



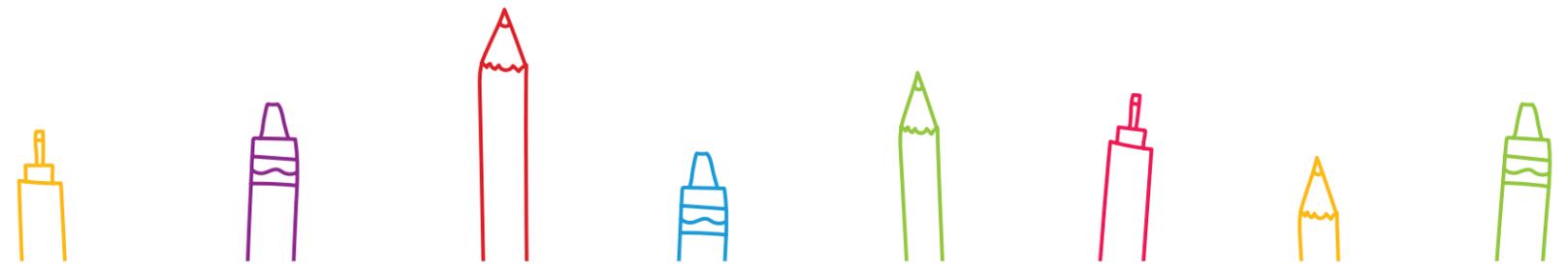
What about the sermon surprised you?

Take the Bible story, or one of the stories from the sermon, and create a storyboard. Think of it as a 4-panel comic strip that tells the story.



Be mindful.
What is something deep inside you that God wants the world to know?

Make a list of all the things that distract you during the sermon. Can you fix some of these? Can God help?



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.

"Realm" means
kingdom. Jesus
believes that
the kingdom of
God belongs to
the poor, the
hungry, and the
oppressed.

Those who share the peace God gives them will find blessings as God's own.
Those oppressed for faithful living will call heaven's kingdom Home.
When the world's ways seem distressing and we feel life's painful sting,
God, remind us of the blessings of the wondrous life You bring.

*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 – La Béatitude

(Dialogue en Rondeau à 2 choeurs)

Charles Péroce, composer

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of of Dr. Douglas Tatum and Dorothy and Dr. Judge M. Lyle by Barbara Tatum and family.

The white carnation symbolizes our sympathy to the family and friends of Kenneth Kirksey.

Worship Leaders:

Sermon: Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor

Liturgists: Rev. Linda McDermott, Rev. Phyllis Barren

Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark, Adeline Arbour, 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: Ms. Rachel Moon, soprano

*Please stand as you are able.

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

A Time of Giving

Offertory – Like a River in My Soul

Tim Osiek, 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 95

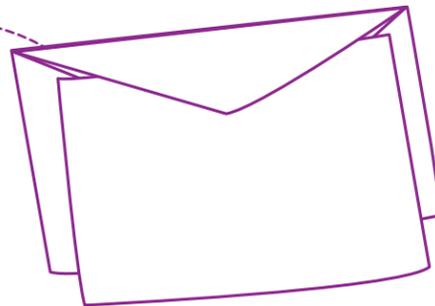
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn 399 – Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

**Blessed are the poor in spirit; all God's realm is surely theirs.
Those in mourning will find comfort as an answer to their prayers.
Meek ones whom this world despises will inherit everything.
God, Your kingdom still surprises; may we seek the reign You bring.**

**Blessed, too, are those who hunger and who thirst for what is right.
They will not be prone to wander, for Your will is their delight.
Those who show God's care and mercy will receive that mercy too.
God, in Christ You show us clearly of the joy we have in You.**



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.

