



"This Is Us: We Proclaim"

DR. TIM BRUSTER

Matthew 28:16-20

Traditional Worship

11:00 am

MARCH 10, 2019

WE GATHER

Prelude — Chorale Prelude

Dietrich Buxtehude, composer

Welcome

DR. MIKE MARSHALL

Choral Call to Worship — Dominus Vobiscum

Jacob Naverud, composer

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is us, brothers and sisters in Christ:

People: we are God's beloved ones called to be God's presence in the world;

a presence of love,
a source for healing,
a witness to hope,
a people of faith.

This is us, this is who we are!

Yes, this IS us, this IS who we are!

Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 126 — Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing **balm** my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing. As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory.

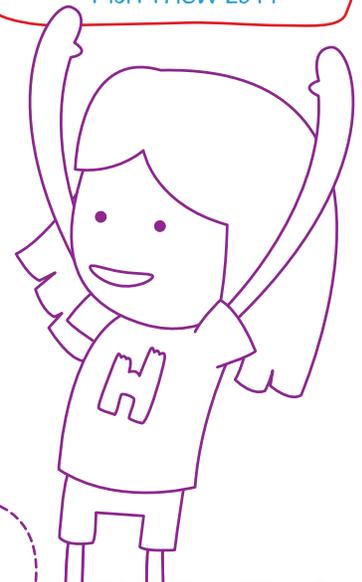
Thus all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises, that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part: To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story! Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone: To God all praise and glory.

Word of the Day:
Proclaim

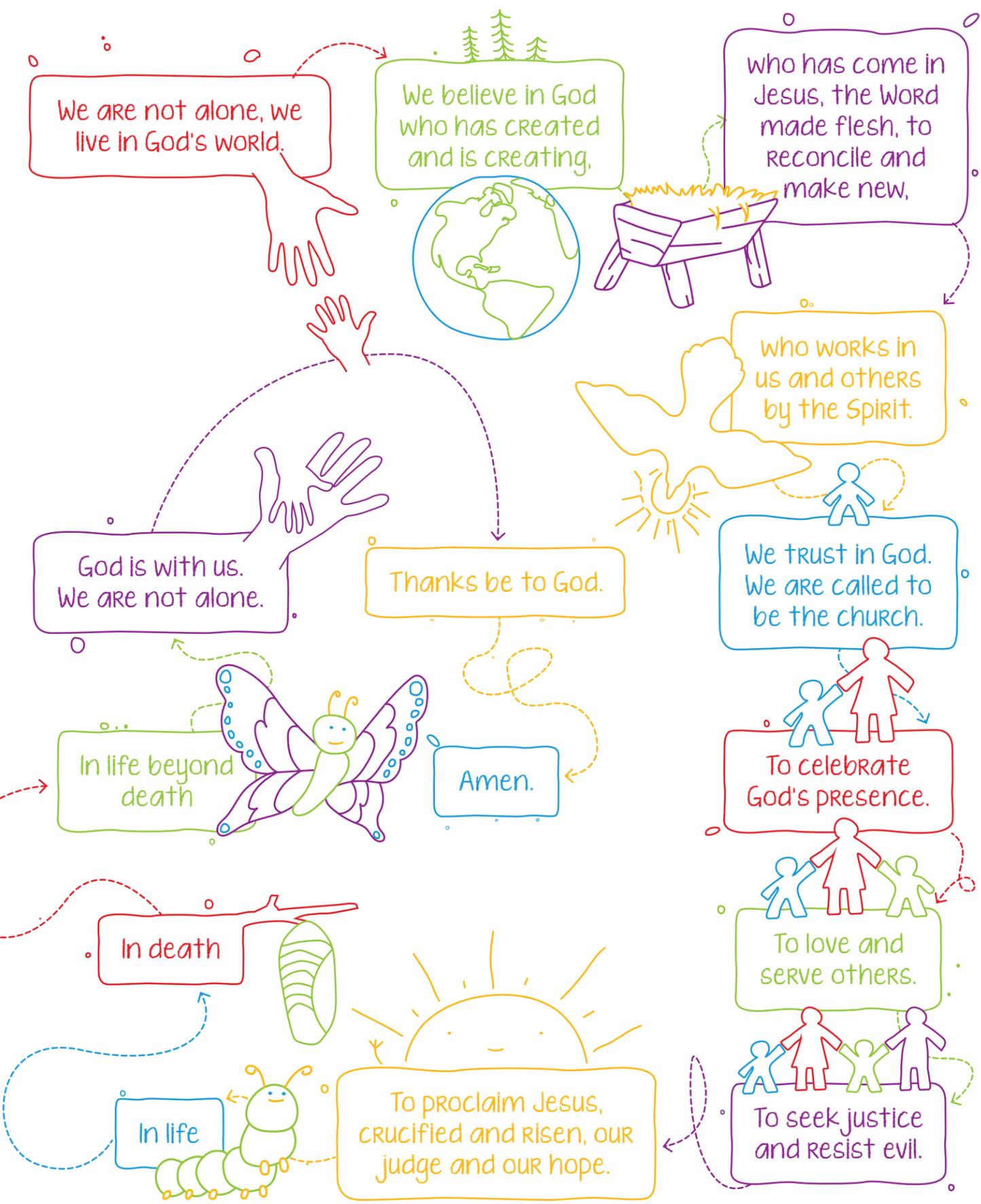
Memory Verse:
Go and make
disciples.

— Matthew 28:19



A balm is a healing or soothing ointment for the skin. A "healing balm" that soothes our insides isn't an ointment, but God's love.

*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 — Matthew 28:16-20
 God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
 Thanks be to God.

Special Music — Sing Me to Heaven
 Daniel Gawthrop, composer

Faith Like a Child

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn 584 — Lord, You Give the Great Commission

All — Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the Word." Lest the church neglect its mission and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;

Refrain: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Women — Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise life abundant meant for each give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community;

Refrain

Men — Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty;

Refrain

Choral Union — Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society;

Refrain

All — Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;

Refrain

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.

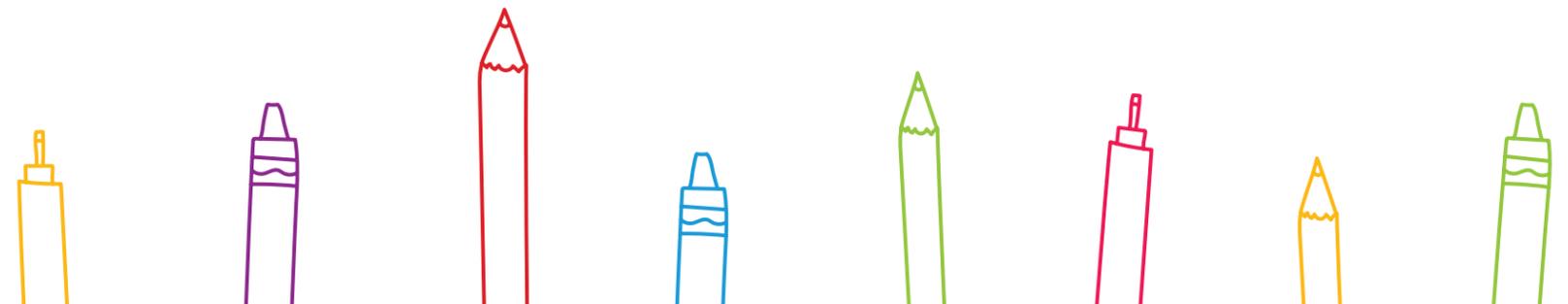


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A large dashed red rectangular box intended for drawing a sermon map.

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.



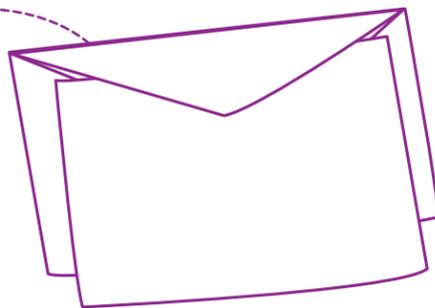
A Time of Giving

Offertory — Aria
Flor Peeters, 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 — Remember Me

Remember Me — the God who saves —
For back in Egypt you were slaves;
Then by My hand I set you free.
Now keep My law. Remember Me.

Remember me in all you do,
For I'm alive! I walk with you.
I was, I am, and I shall be.
O Church I love, remember Me.

Our God, we hear! We're called and freed!
Your Spirit gives us memory.
Now send us out that we may share
Your love's great story everywhere.

*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.

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

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude — A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Max Reger, composer

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of June and Harv Merrell and Craig Merrell by the Leigh Marks family.

Worship Leaders:

Sermon: Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor

Liturgists: Dr. Mike Marshall, Rev. Phyllis Barren

Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark, Jordon Woods, helper

Choir: Choral Union

Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts

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

Guest Choir: Copperas Cove HS Women's Choir

Cameron Dinkens-Lowery, director

*Please stand as you are able.

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.

