



"This Is Us: We Show Compassion"

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Matthew 6:19-21, Micah 6:6-8

Value: Compassion and Justice

11:00 am

MARCH 31, 2019

WE GATHER

Prelude — Meditation on "Adoro Te Devote"

Charles Callahan, composer

Welcome

Rev. Carol Roberts

Choral Call to Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: With what should we approach the LORD and bow down before God on high?

All: Should we come before God with entirely burned offerings, with year-old calves?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with many torrents of oil? Should we give our eldest children for our crimes; the fruit of our bodies for the sin of our spirits?

God has told all humanity what is good and what the LORD requires from each of us: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

*Hymn 428 — For the Healing of the Nations ←

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord,
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.
Fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:
Pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow brief life's span.
May we hallow brief life's span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service earth its destiny may find.
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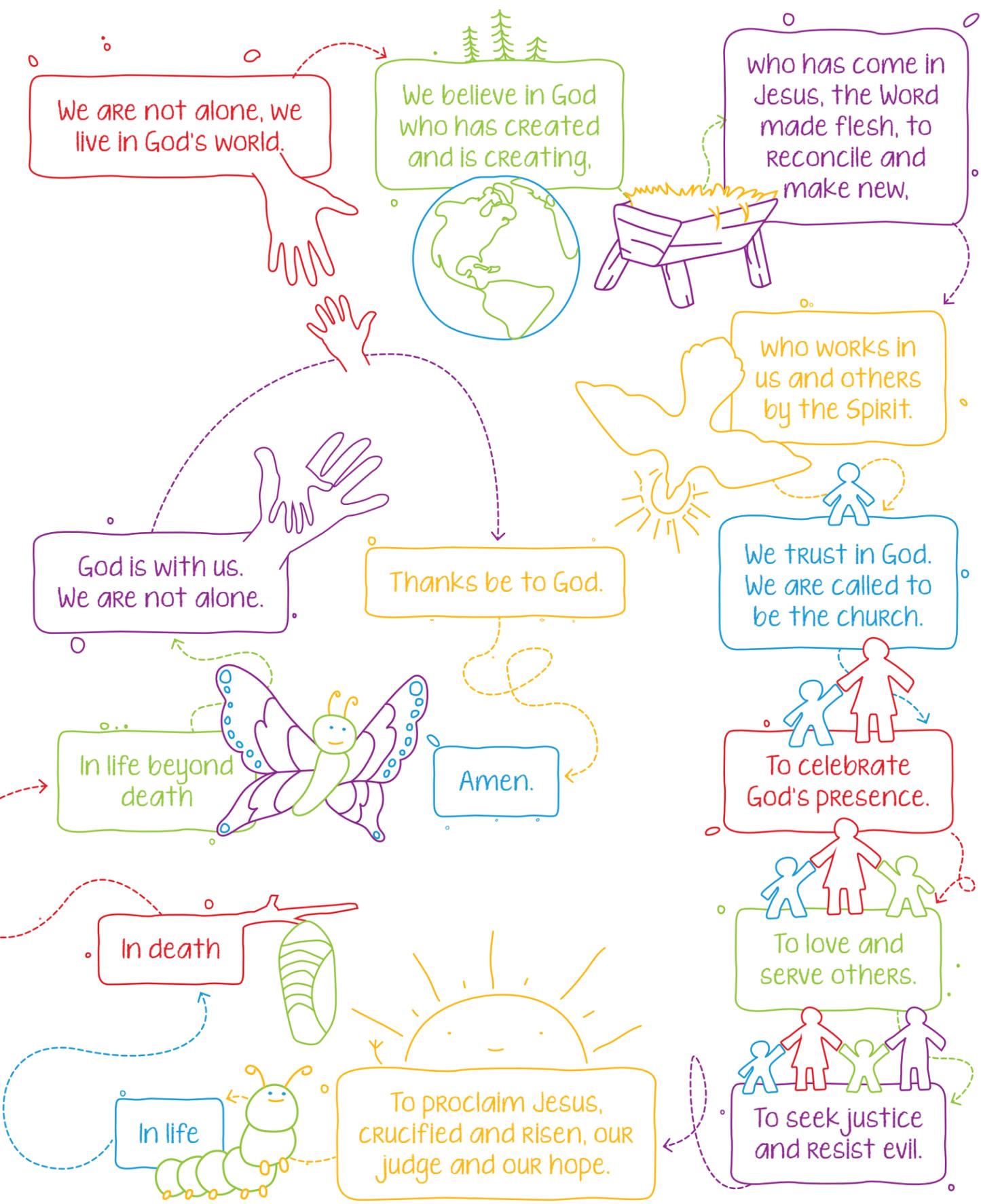
Word of the Day:
Compassion

Memory Verse:
Where your
treasure is, there
your heart will
be also.

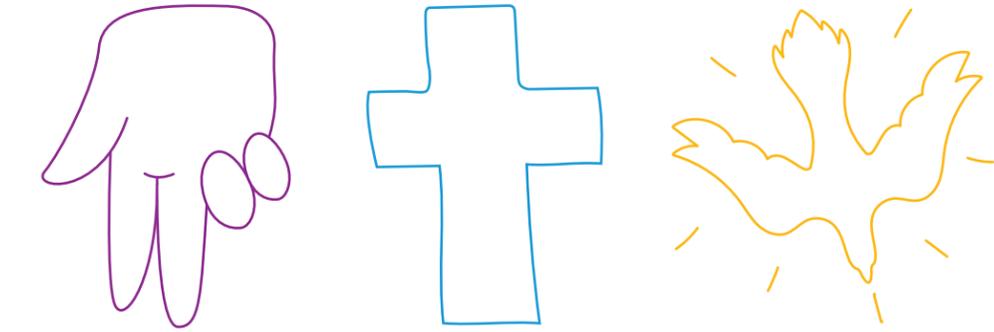
— Matthew 6:21

"For a just and equal sharing of the things the earth affords." While millions go hungry every day, God actually has provided for everyone on the planet to have enough... if we SHARE. There is a wonderful book titled *If the World Were a Village* by David J. Smith, that illustrates this point beautifully.

*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 6:19-21
 God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
 Thanks be to God.

Special Music – What a Wonderful World
 MARK BURROWS, ARRANGER

Faith Like a Child

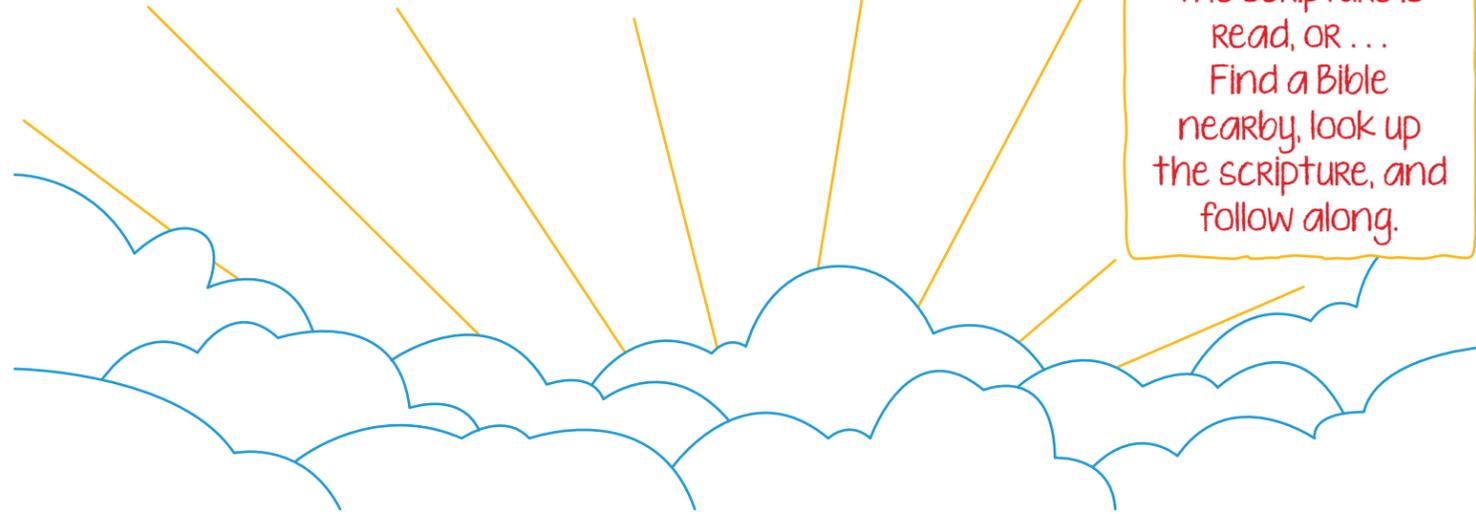
*Passing the Peace

*Hymn 393 – Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
 Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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.

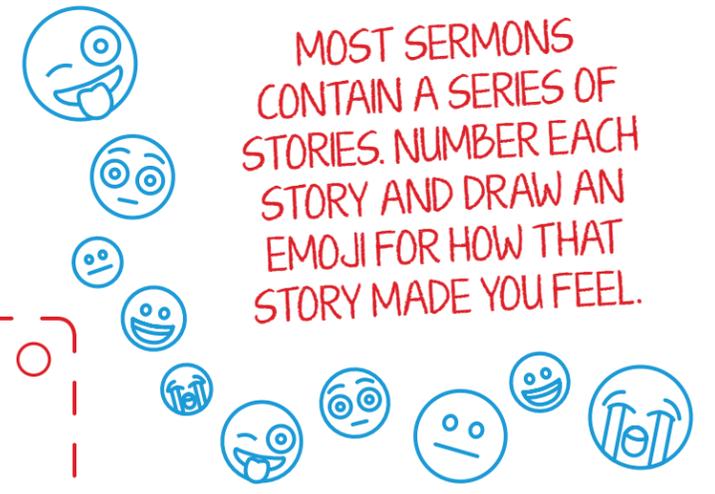


Sermon Snips:
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



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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

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

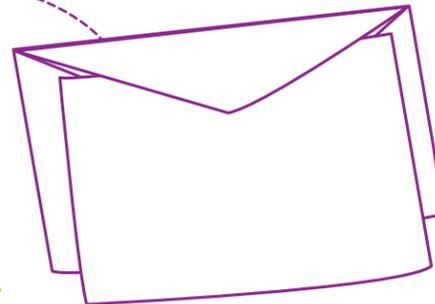
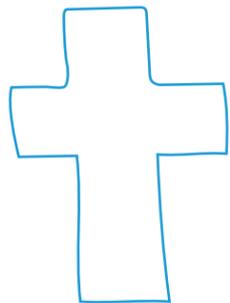
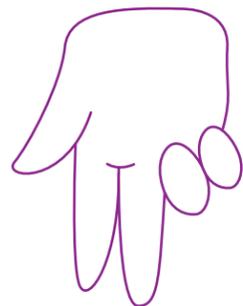
Offertory — Humoreske, Op. 28 No. 2 Leona

Sinigaglia, 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 557 — O God, You Call for Justice

O God, You call for justice — for goodness, never greed!
You seek a world of fairness where all have what they need —
Where all have food and water and homes in which to thrive,
Where all have hope and laughter and joy to be alive!

O God, You call for kindness instead of keeping score;
You seek a world that welcomes the hungry and the poor.
Lord, where there is injustice may we work to protect
The struggling ones, the voiceless that others would reject.

You call us to walk humbly, for we are not our own;
We all are poor and needy; we need the grace you've shown.
May we respond to others reflecting what you give —
Compassion, kindness, justice — so all may gladly live.

O God, may our great nation seek justice, as we should,
and work with dedication to seek the common good.
We're blessed to be a blessing; may we within our law
Seek justice and compassion that reaches out to all.

*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.

*Postlude — Holy, Holy, Holy
Bill Holcombe, arranger

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Carol Elliott Row by Debbie and Gary Griffith.

Worship Leaders:

Sermon: Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor

Liturgists: Rev. Carol Roberts, Rev. Chuck Graff

Faith Like a Child: Rev. Nancy Froman, Eva Sykes, helper

Choir: Cornerstone Youth Choir

Mrs. Erin Ypya, Director, Mr. Dawen Li, accompanist

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

Instrumentalist: Molly Norcross, Horn

*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.

