

"The Main Thing"
DR. TIM BRUSTER
John 13:31-35

Value: Worship
11:00 am
May 19, 2019

WE GATHER

Prelude – Les Cloches (The Bells)
Nicolas Lebeque, composer

Welcome
Rev. Linda McDermott

Choral Call to Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus left us with one commandment,

All: that we should love each other.

To love God is to love one another.

We cannot say we love God if we do not love one another.

It is in this love, the love we share in thought, word, and deed,
that we best witness to our faith.

Come, children of God,
let us love one another!

*Hymn 384 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.

Take away our bent to sinning; **Alpha** and **Omega** be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

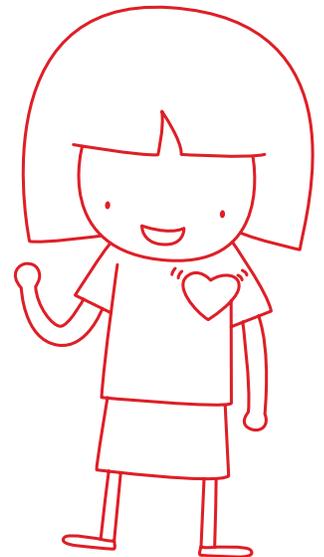
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

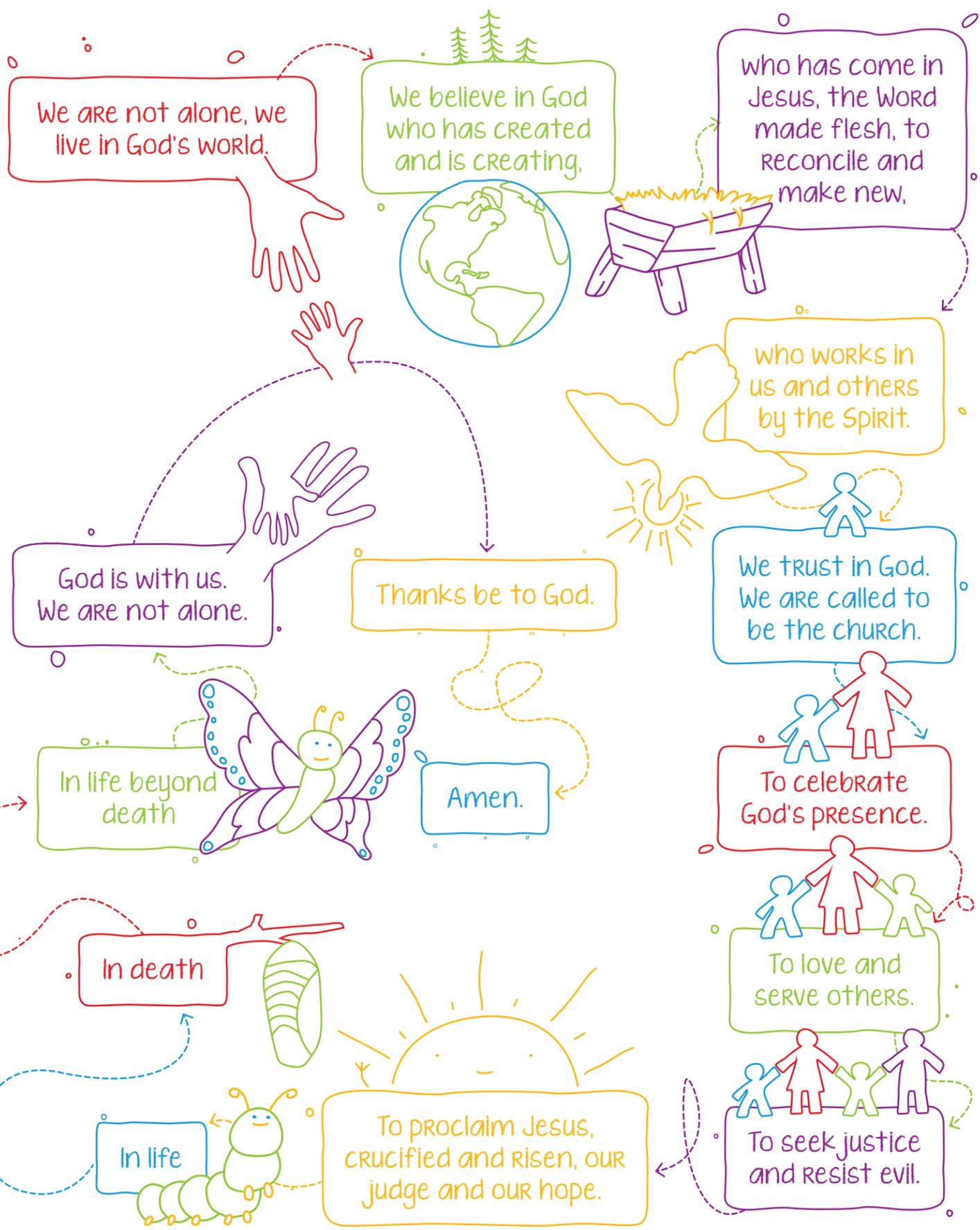
Word of the Day:
Love

Memory Verse:
Just as I have
loved you, you
should love one
another.
– John 13:34



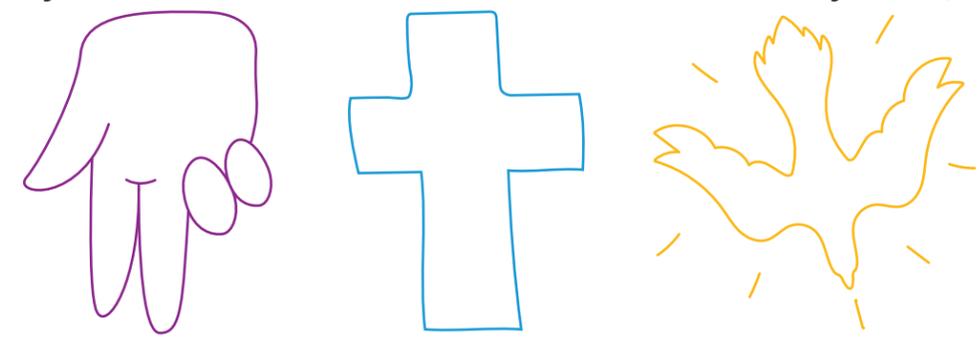
Alpha and Omega
are the first and
last letters in the
Greek alphabet. We
are asking God to
be our beginning
and end - our
A to Z.

*Affirmation of Faith



WE PROCLAIM

*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.

Sacrament of Baptism ←

Ivy Sabine Sanders, daughter of Jennifer and Jody Sanders

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 **Ivy Sabine**, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

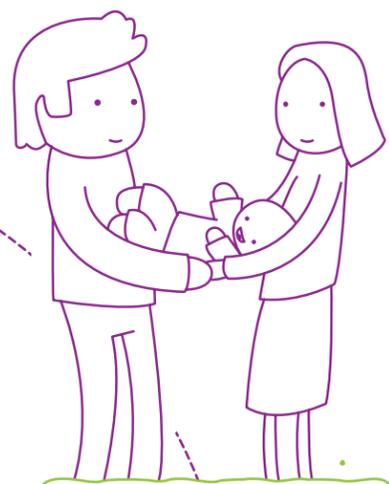
Scripture – John 13:31-35

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

Faith Like a Child

*Passing the Peace

Special Music – The Gift of Love
 Hal Hopson, arranger



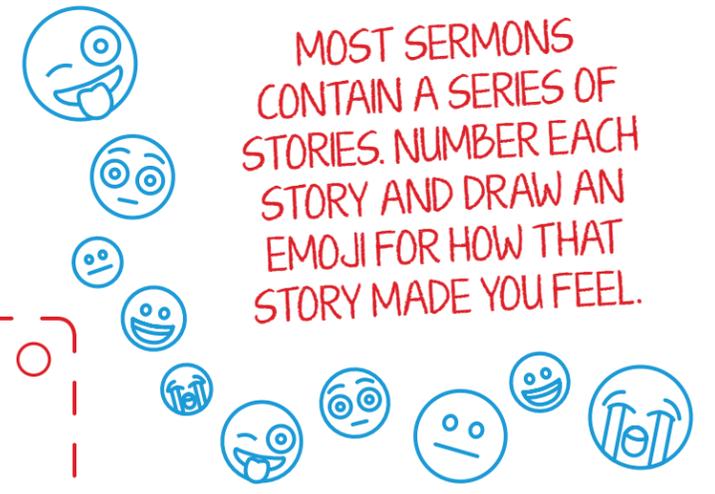
Baptism: When someone is baptized, it's a chance for all of us to celebrate how much God loves that person. God loves each one of us, not because of anything we do, but simply because we are God's children.

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.



The Main Thing

MOST SERMONS CONTAIN A SERIES OF STORIES. NUMBER EACH STORY AND DRAW AN EMOJI FOR HOW THAT STORY MADE YOU FEEL.



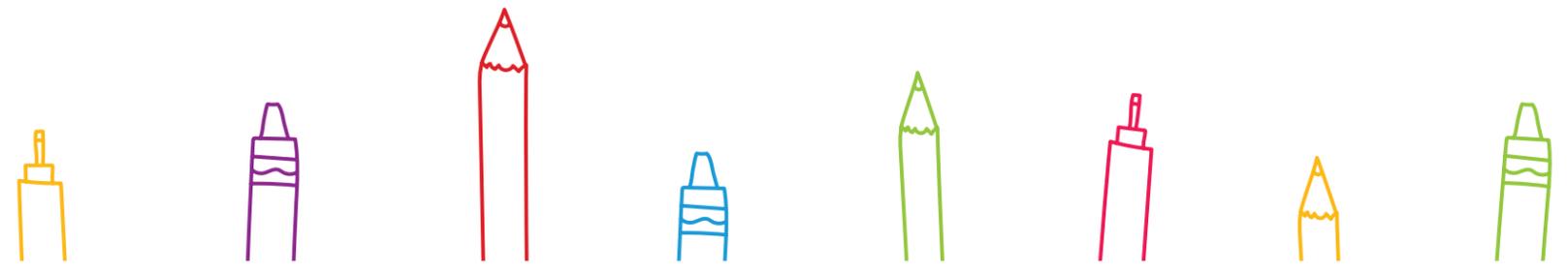
If the sermon is about a Bible hero, think of the person in your life who is most like that hero. Write about that person, or make an illustration.



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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.

The Lord's Prayer

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

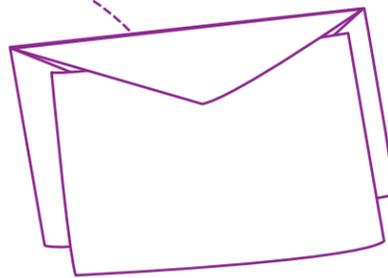
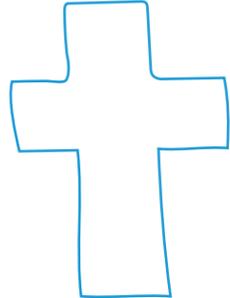
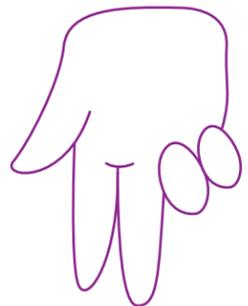
Offertory – The Solid Rock

Daniel Holt, 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.**



*Hymn – They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

**Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes,
they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

Refrain

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:

Refrain

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

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.

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude – To God Be the Glory

Jack Schrader, arranger

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in honor of Dr. Lamar Smith to celebrate his 92nd birthday by his loving family.

The red carnation symbolizes our congratulations to Lainey and Nick Escamilla on the birth of their son, Joseph "Joey" Thomas Escamilla.

Worship Leaders:

Sermon: Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor

Liturgists: Rev. Linda McDermott, Rev. Chuck Graff

Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark, Abbi Cortinaz, helper

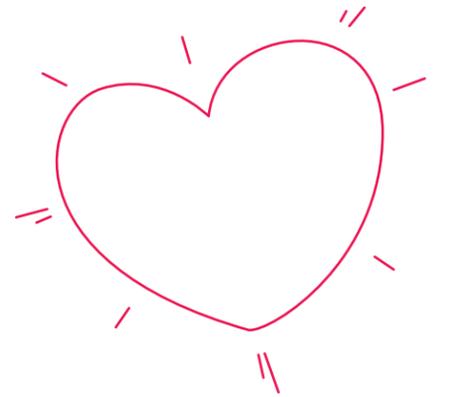
Procession Leaders: Elle Sanders, Declan Sanders

Choir: Choral Union

Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts

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

*Please stand as you are able.



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

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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.

