



"Open to God's Leading"

DR. TIM BRUSTER

Acts 16:9-15

Value: Worship

11:00 am

May 26, 2019

## WE GATHER

Prelude — The Little Fountain

Samuel Pratt, composer

Welcome

Rev. Phyllis Barren

Choral Call to Worship

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus Christ gives this invitation to all: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**People: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ**

In the name of Christ,

**we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

In the name of Christ,

**as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

**we proclaim the God of Compassion.**

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

**we proclaim the God of Hope.**

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

**we proclaim the God of Love.**

Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

### \*Hymn 568 — Christ for the World We Sing

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with loving **zeal**; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, for Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with fervent pray'r; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with joyful song; the newborn souls whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

Word of the Day:  
Vision

Memory Verse:  
Come over...  
and help us

— Acts 16:9



"Zeal" means great energy or enthusiasm. We sing about having energy for spreading Jesus' love throughout the world.

# \*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God who has created and is creating,



who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,



who works in us and others by the Spirit.



We trust in God. We are called to be the church.

To celebrate God's presence.

To love and serve others.

To seek justice and resist evil.

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.



God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

In life beyond death



In death



In life



# 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.

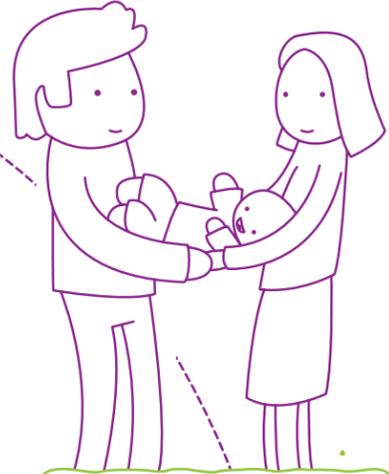
## Sacrament of Baptism

Elizabeth Jane Ramon and daughter, Rebecca Laura Ramon

## 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 Elizabeth Jane and Rebecca Laura, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

## Special Music — Earth Song

Frank Ticheli, composer

## Scripture — Acts 16:9-15

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

## Faith Like a Child

## \*Passing the Peace

## \*Hymn - As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, So the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care, We join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere. We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.

We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay. By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.

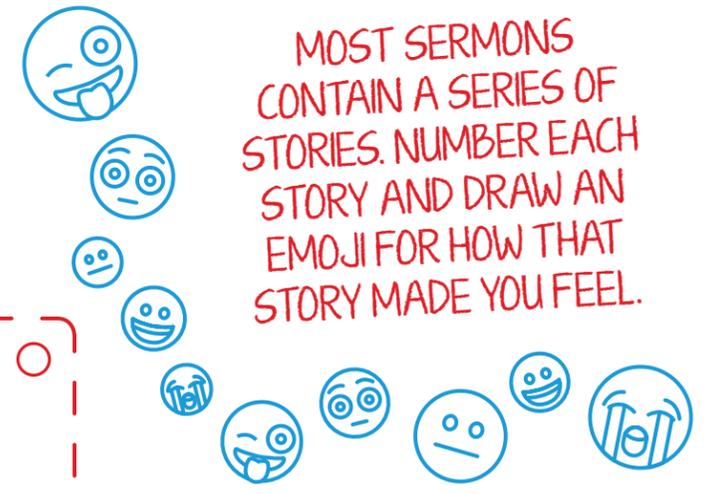
As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed, So may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued. As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone, May our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

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.

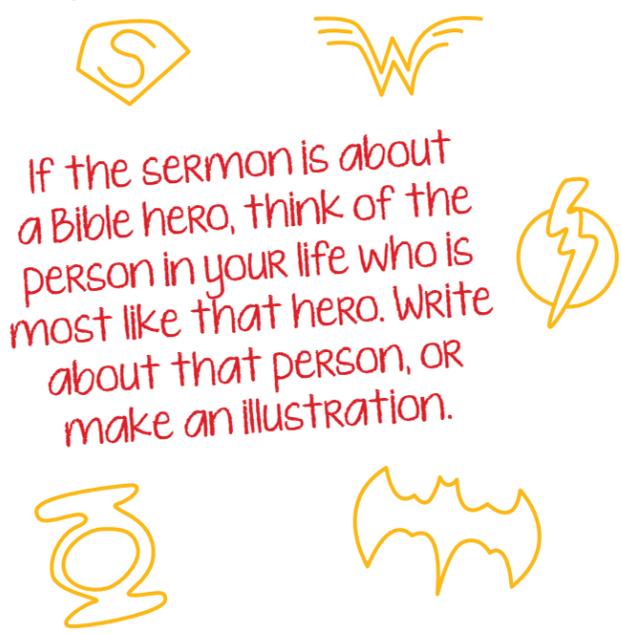
Sermon Snips:  
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.

# Open to God's Leading

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.

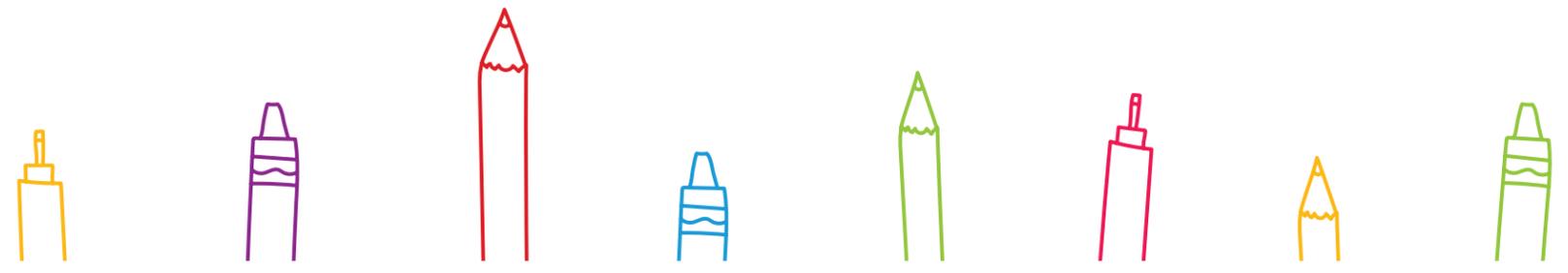


Did you just hear something you disagree with? Argue about it.

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

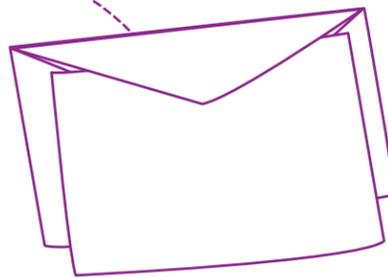
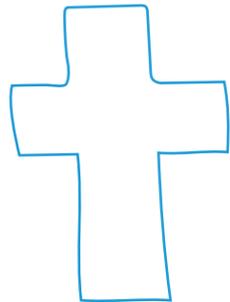
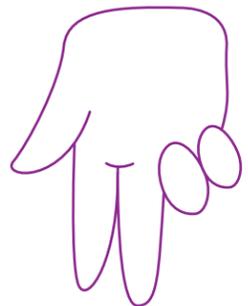
Offertory — Siciliano

J. S. Bach, 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 670 — Go Forth for God

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in the kingdom we see face to face.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;  
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
render to no one evil; Christ at length  
shall overcome all darkness with his light.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,  
to serve God's people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

\*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 — Carillon

Herbert Murrell, composer

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are given in loving memory of Alta and Ernest Sanders and Fred Sanders by Jeanne Sanders, Elaine Morris and Dr. Kathleen Wilson.

**The red carnations** symbolize our congratulations to Larkin and Richard McMillan II on the birth of their daughter Mary Blakemore, and Kristine and Tyler Shanklin on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Grace.

**Worship Leaders:**

**Sermon:** Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor

**Liturgists:** Rev. Phyllis Barren and Rev. Carol Roberts

**Faith Like a Child:** Chris Rathburn

**Choir:** Adoramus Vocal Ensemble

Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Dr. Beverly Howard, organist

**Instrumentalists:** Evelyn Busby, harp and Arthur Busby, violin

\*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.

