

## "A Gift that Represents You"

DR. TIM BRUSTER

MARK 12:38-44

Sanctuary Service

11:00 am

February 16, 2020

### Prelude: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Johann Christoph Bach, arranger

Peggy Graff, organist

### Choral Call to Worship

#### \*Call to Worship

Roy Eaton

One: Friends, we gather together this morning to proclaim the ways in which God has been working in our midst.

**All: We have been blessed by God!**

One: We gather together to give thanks for the ways in which God is working in our midst.

**All: We are being blessed by God!**

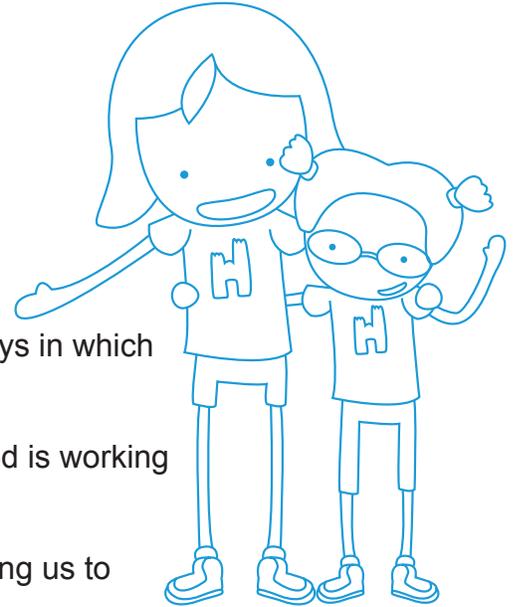
One: We gather together to open our eyes to the ways God is using us to work in our midst.

**All: We will continue to be blessed by God!**

One: Dear ones, God has given us so much and God calls us to be good stewards of all that we have received.

**All: We give thanks to God! We proclaim our faith in God!**

**We worship God!**



#### \*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.

Excelling means to be very good!

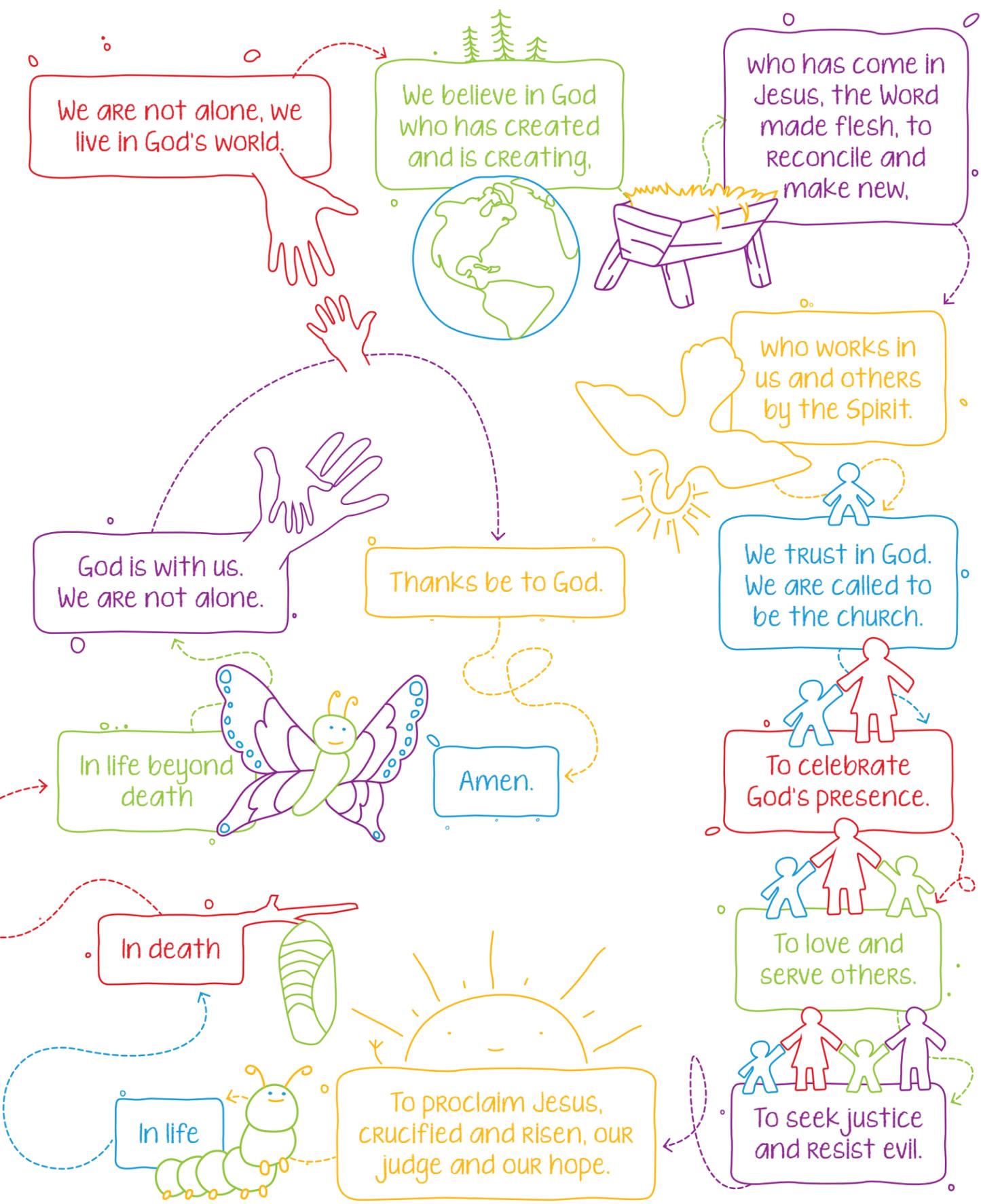
Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; **Alpha and Omega** be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

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.

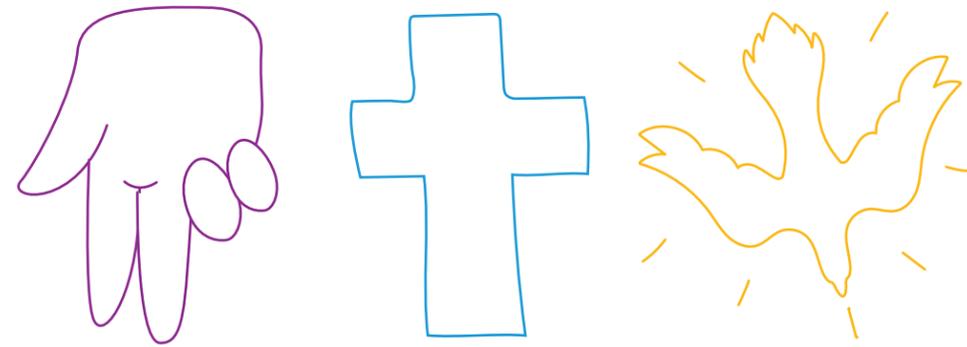
Alpha and Omega means the beginning and the end. Sometimes this is a title or a way we think about Jesus.

# \*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.

Scripture: Mark 12:38-44

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Faith Like a Child

Dr. Mike, Interim Children's Director  
George Holman's, helper

Announcements

## \*Passing the Peace

Hymn: Jesus Sat and Watched the Crowd

Sung to "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

Jesus sat and watched the crowd  
At the temple treasury.  
Some that day were rich and proud,  
Making sure that all could see  
Their great generosity.

Then a widow came along  
Who had nothing she could spare.  
Yet her faith in God was strong  
And she gave as few would dare:  
All she had, she chose to share.

Just a penny, nothing more,  
Yet Christ said her gift was best.  
What a risk, for one so poor!  
What rich faith her gift expressed!  
Trusting, giving, she was blest.

Lord, you see the way we live;  
All within our hearts, you know.  
Like that widow, may we give.  
Trusting you, our gifts will grow  
And our joy will overflow.



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.



## A Gift that Represents You

Draw a map of the sermon.

Include the sermon path and all the twists and turns.

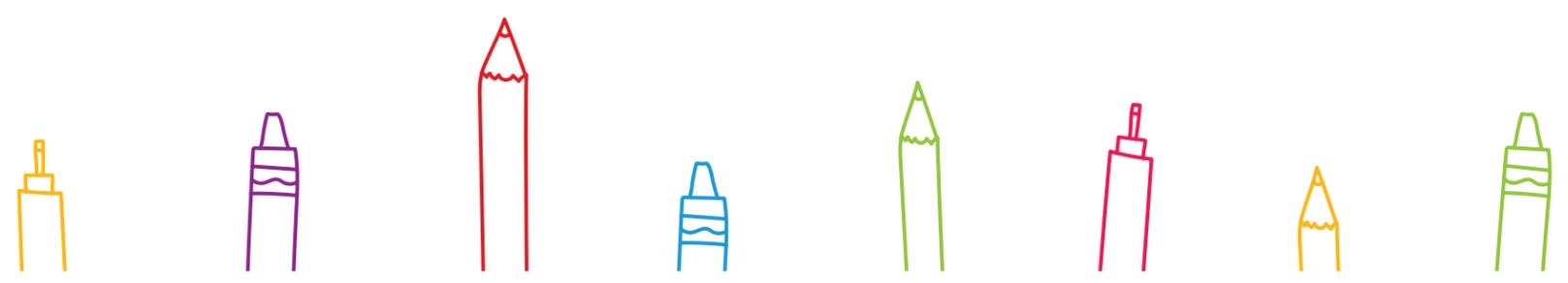
Along the way, draw important images or words you hear.

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?



## 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.



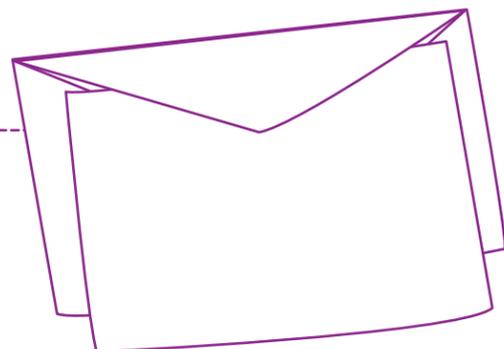
## A Time of Giving

### How Can I Keep from Singing

Greg Gilpin, composer

Cornerstone Youth Choir, Erin Ypya, director, Dawen Li, accompanist

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: Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be **consecrated**, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.  
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Consecrated means something that is special to us and to God.

### \*Benediction

One: Our gathering will soon be ended. Where will we go, and what will we do?

**All: We will go out to be God's people in the world.**

One: 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?

### \*Congregational Benediction: 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 step 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: Postlude on "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Edward Broughton, arranger

The flowers today are in loving memory of Dr. Douglas Tatum and Dorothy & Dr. Judge M. Lyle By Barbara Tatum and family.

The white carnations on the altar are in loving memory of John Mohrbach and Patricia Manriquez.

The red carnation on the altar celebrates the birth of Dylan James Sorley, son of Hannah and Will Sorley.

# 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.

