

"The Beloved Community"
DR. TIM BRUSTER and Rev. Lance Marshall
Philippians 1:1-11

Sanctuary Service
11:00 am
February 23, 2020

Welcome

DR. TIM BRUSTER, SENIOR PASTOR

Prelude: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Robert Lau, arranger
Peggy Graff, organist

*Call to Worship

Rev. Tom McDermott, Associate Pastor

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!

*Hymn 139: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

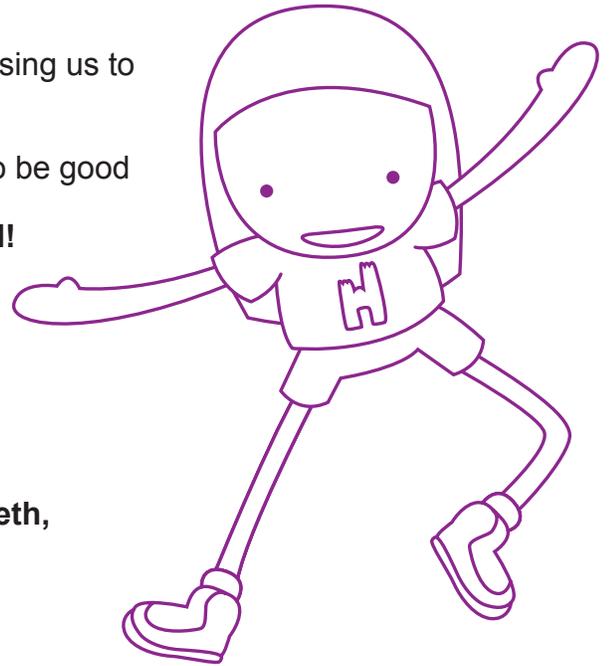
**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Sing now in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?**

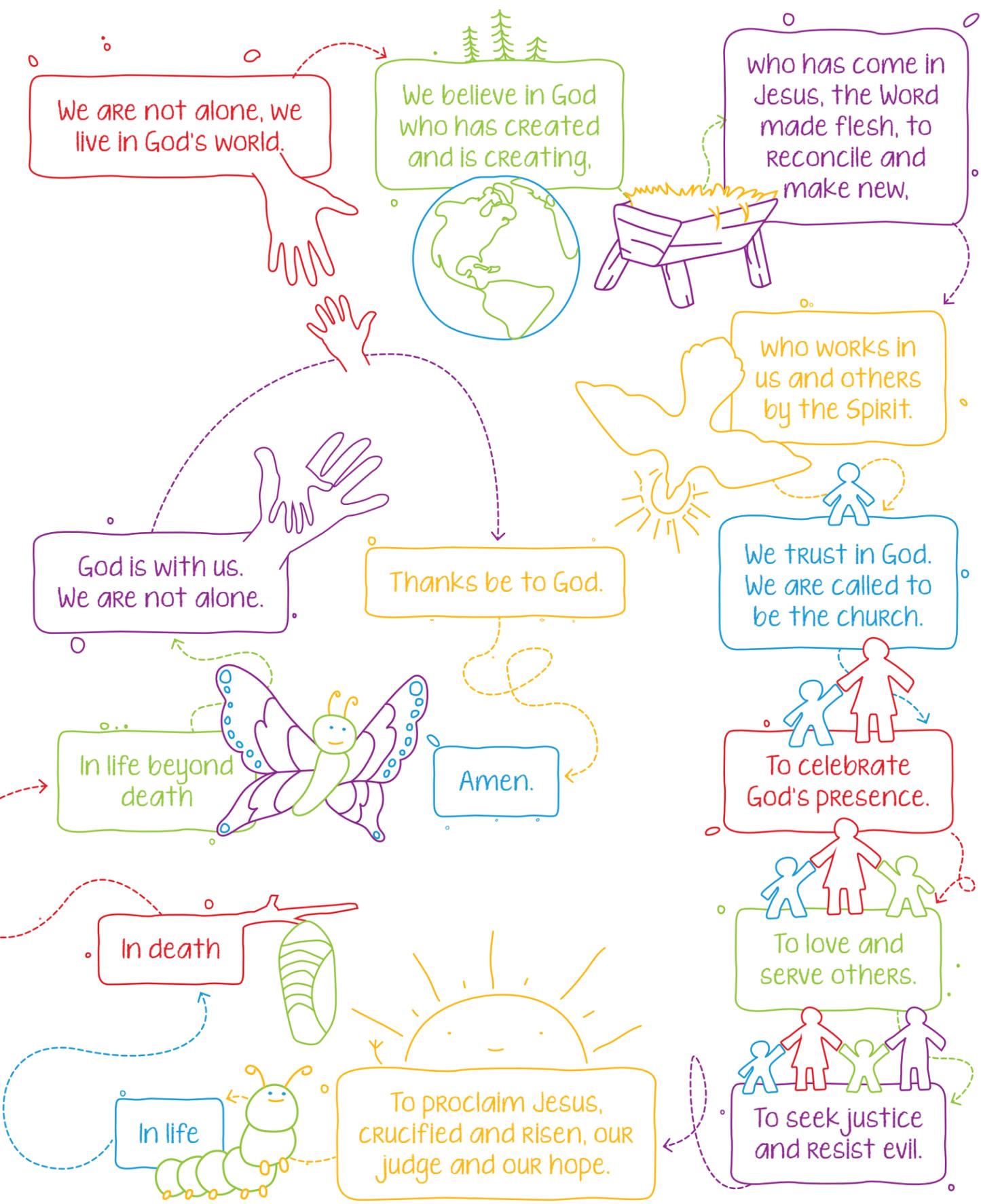
**Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously, made thee!
Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling, hath stayed thee.
What need or grief Ever hath failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did
shade thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do, Who with His love doth
befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

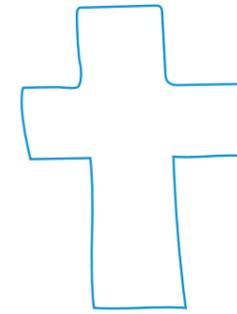
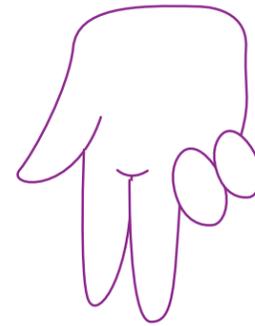


*Affirmation of Faith



*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.

Prayers of the People
Charlene Roberts, Community Advocate

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-11

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

Faith Like a Child

Dr. Mike, Maggie and Thomas Layman, helpers

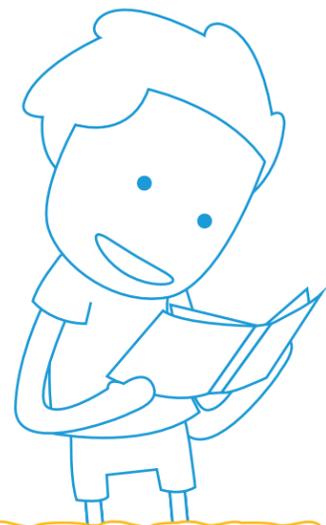
Announcements

A Time of Giving

Offertory: The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Tom Fettke, composer
Choral Union, Alison Haygood, guest director

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!



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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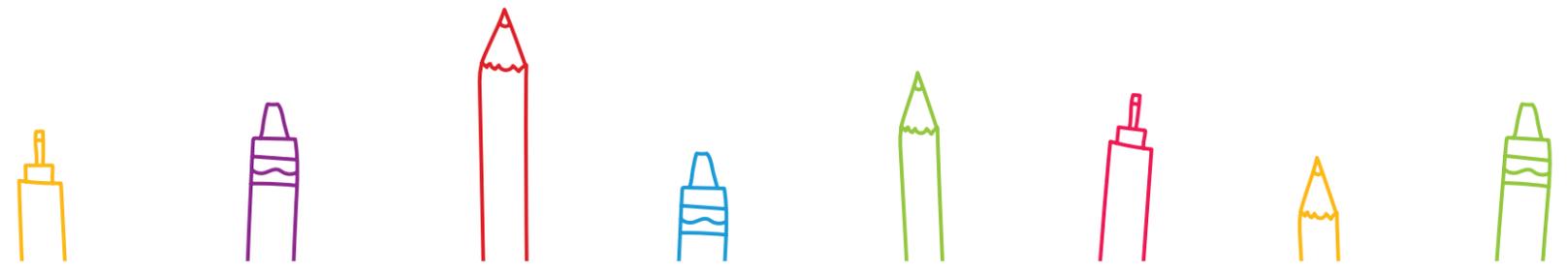
Draw a map of the sermon.
Include the sermon path and all the twists and turns.
Along the way, draw important images or words you hear.

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?



Collection of Next90 Commitments

Crowded Table, by Highwomen

Today I'm Gonna Try and Change The World, by Johnny Reid
eleven·eleven band and The Gathering vocalists

Prayer of Consecration

Kyle Wagner, Board of Stewards Chair

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn: The Servant Song

Sung to "Jesus Calls Us"

**Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey; we are family on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the miles and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joys and sorrows till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in Heaven we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

* 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.

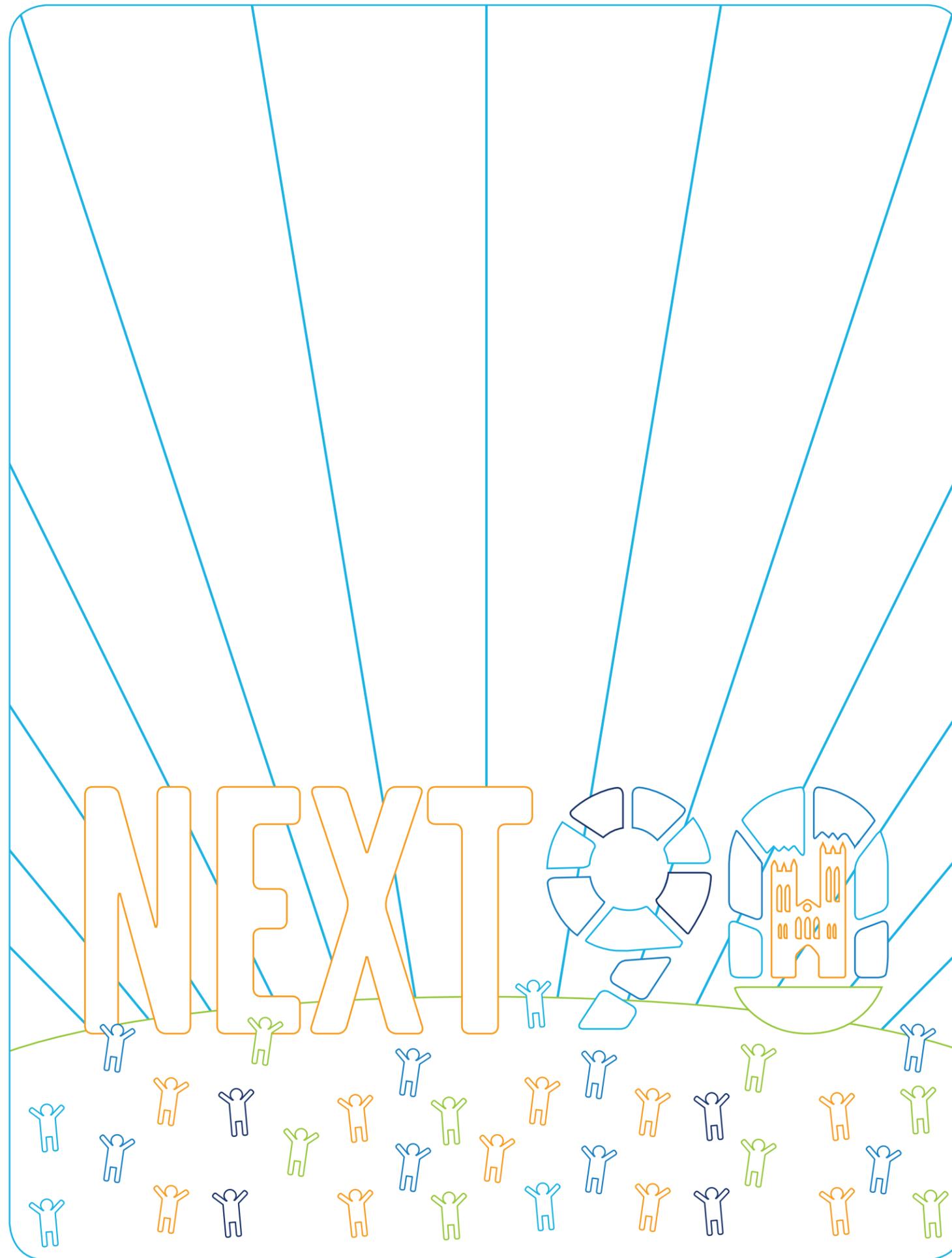
One: May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

* Congregational Benediction: Blest Be the Tie that Binds

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; that fellowship of
kindred minds is like to that above.**

* Postlude: Crowded Table Reprise

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.

