



5th Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community and the world beyond.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Lord, open unto me.
Open unto me - light for my darkness.
Open unto me - courage for my fear.
Open unto me - hope for my despair.
Open unto me - peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me - joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me - strength for my weakness.
Open unto me - wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me - forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me - love for my hates.
Open unto me - thy Self for myself.
Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.* (Howard Thurman)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you! Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church's virtual worship service. We invite you to use these materials in the way that is most meaningful for you. If you are worshipping by yourself, you may choose to read the Leader's (non-bold) lines silently and the People's (**bold**) lines aloud. If you are worshipping with others, you may decide to have one person read the Leader's lines aloud and have all who are gathered join their voices as one on the People's lines. We invite you to play the accompanying video for the elements of worship marked with ✠.

Illustrated Ministry has provided the attached materials for worshipping with children. We hope you will print them out and use them for participation in this service or for family devotions throughout the week. Westminster's educational offerings have also moved online! You can find information about this week's offerings at the end of this Order of Worship.

We hope you will stay connected with our community of faith during this season of social distancing by subscribing to the Weekly Word through the homepage of our website (www.wpc.org), liking us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware>), or following us on Instagram (wpcdelaware).

Let us worship God!

GATHERING

We invite you to play our worship video by following the link posted at www.wpc.org.

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Isaiah 40:31

Those who turn toward the Lord shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up with wings as eagles.
They shall run and not be weary;
They shall walk and not faint.

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks,
and sing!**

**Yes, on through life’s long path,
still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks,
and sing!**

At this time, we invite you to pause the video and continue worshiping on your own.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not give us a spirit of cowardice,
but seeks to inspire in us courage, determination and hope.
Let us confess our reluctance to trust God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty God, by your power Christ was raised from death
to rule this world with love.
We confess that we fall into doubt and fear
and fail to trust your promise of new life in Christ.
Forgive our dread of dying and bolster our belief in the resurrection
so that we may live our lives in joy
and with hope for everlasting life in your kingdom.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

We have the assurance of Scripture that neither death, nor life,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation
will be able to separate us from the love of God.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mighty God, Spirit of justice and love, the Scriptures reveal the truth about you and about life. As we prepare to hear the word read and proclaimed, we open our hearts, we open our minds; we open our entire beings to you. Guide and direct us to the lives you would have us live. Amen.

If you would like to reflect upon multiple passages of Scripture, we invite you to choose one or more of the day’s lectionary readings to read silently or aloud. These texts are available at: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>. Be sure to select the readings for the fifth Sunday in Lent.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

PSALM

Psalm 130

GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

At this time, we invite you to continue playing our worship video.

✦ EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4-13

✦ SERMON

“Sheltering in Place”

Greg Jones

✦ HYMN NO. 436

“God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us”

Vs. 1 – 3

**God of compassion, in mercy befriend us,
giver of grace for our needs all-availing.
Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us,
patience untiring and courage unailing.**

**Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
stilled our rude hearts with your word of consoling.
Wrap now your peace, like a mantle, around us,
guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.**

**How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us,
you who the stars in their courses are guiding?
What shall we fear, with your power to protect us,
we who walk forth in your greatness confiding?**

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

✦ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sudie Niesen Thompson

✦ 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen**

✦ SENDING (Hymn No. 846)

“Fight the Good Fight”

Vs. 1 & 4

**Fight the good fight with all thy might.
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.
God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.**

GOING FORTH: OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES TO GOD

With gratitude for the grace we have received, we go forth from worship to offer our time, our talent, and our treasure in service to God. One way we respond to Christ’s call is by giving our financial gifts to further God’s mission in the world. You may make an online offering to support the ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church by clicking “Donate Now” on the homepage of our website (www.wpc.org).

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jesus says, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you” (John 14:27). We invite you to share signs of Christ’s peace with those with whom you are gathered, or to pass the peace virtually by calling, emailing, or texting siblings in Christ.

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We are grateful to Westminster John Knox Press for making available the complete list of public domain hymns included in the *Glory to God* hymnal and to Illustrated Ministry (<https://www.illustratedministry.com/>) for providing free resources for children of all ages to use during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

This Week’s Educational Offerings

Today at 10:10 a.m.

Commissioned Guatemala Travelers Report Back

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361>

Presenter: The Guatemala Partnership Team

After (or before!) virtual worship this Sunday, stick around for virtual 10:TEN Christian education! This is a LIVE presentation (not recorded), so please join us on time at 10:10 a.m. Visit Westminster’s Zoom classroom at the above link to hear a report from our January mission to Guatemala. Westminster travelers will share highlights of their recent weeklong trip, which strengthened relationships with our in-country partners and broadened our understanding of how they are working to address the critical issues they are facing today. We hope you will join us to hear about the progress and possibilities of this partnership. Be sure to read the blog!

UPCOMING:

Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. OR Thursdays 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Bible Study

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361>

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

While Westminster is closed, the "Eat and Exegete" Bible study will move to Westminster's Zoom classroom at the above link! Visit the link at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays OR 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. This is a LIVE Bible study! Both groups will meet together until the church reopens. Contact Chesna (chesnahinkley@wpc.org) with questions.

Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

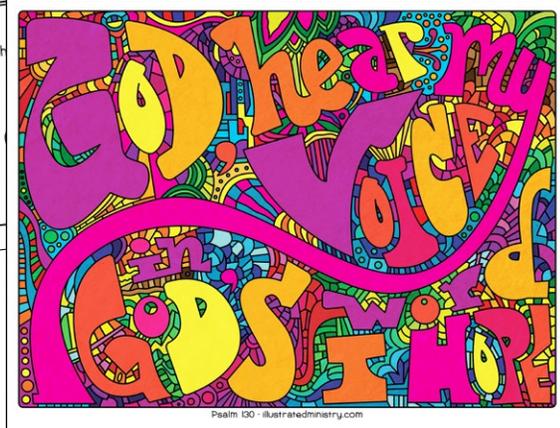
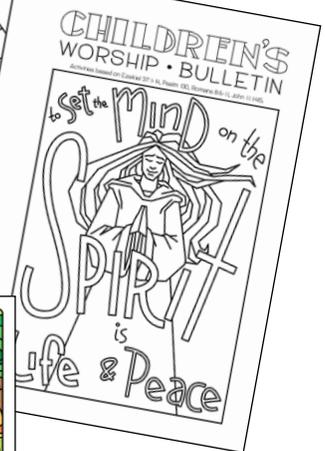
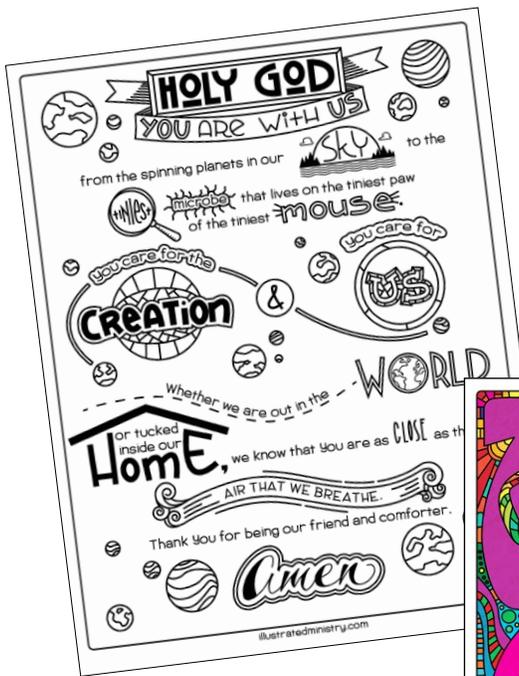
Online Evening Prayer

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361>

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

Click the link above on Wednesday evenings for a short, informal LIVE prayer service starting on April 1. We will share a liturgy and some open time to pray for ourselves, our community, and the world. Use a laptop or smartphone for optimal experience with this technology.

Faith Formation Resources for the Fifth Sunday of Lent





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RESOURCES FROM ILLUSTRATED MINISTRY

As the world struggles to adjust to life amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, necessary disruptions are affecting all aspects of our lives. Schools are closing, places of worship are canceling services, sports seasons are being suspended, and we are all adjusting to this new way of life. Illustrated Ministry hopes that these faith formation resources are meaningful and helpful to you.

We will be sending a weekly email during the COVID-19 pandemic which will include faith formation resources for all ages. We will be following the Revised Common Lectionary, and most of the resources will line up with the appropriate texts for each of the Sundays. If this resource was forwarded to you, and you would like to sign up to receive the weekly email in your inbox, you can sign up at: illustratedministry.com/flattenthecurve

The weekly resource consists of a variety of resources, including children's worship bulletins, devotionals, and coloring pages. There are a variety of different ways you could use these resources at home:

- As a family, put together an order of worship. You can use this as an interactive piece to the scripture reading and message/sermon.
- Use this as an individual or family devotional to reflect on throughout the week.
- Get a group of friends together, virtually, and color the coloring page and reflect on the scripture passage.
- While you watch your church's virtual worship service, your children can color the coloring page or do the activities in the children's worship bulletin.

We hope you enjoy this resource, and if you have any questions about it, you can always reach us at info@illustratedministry.com. If you want to connect with others and see how they are using our resources, you can also follow us on social media:

Facebook: fb.com/illustratedmin
Instagram: instagram.com/illustratedmin
Twitter: twitter.com/illustratedmin
Pinterest: pinterest.com/illustratedmin

Our Facebook Group is a growing community. If you're looking for ideas and suggestions for using this resource, you can request to join here:
fb.com/groups/illustratedmin

Peace,

The Illustrated Ministry Team

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 29

Describe a recent time you were upset about something and what made you feel better.

Note: If you are with a group, have each person take a turn sharing.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in God's word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with God is great power to redeem.

It is God who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities.

Reflection

This morning's scripture is from the book of Psalms, which is an entire book of songs and prayers written to God. Some of the psalms are really happy, but not all of them. In this song, the psalmist is deeply upset and looking for comfort and hope by crying out to God.

The psalmist cries out to God from the depths - a place of grief, despair, and deep worry. But as we read on, we can hear how the psalmist has faith things won't stay that way. The psalmist trusts God will listen to their cries and bring them up from the depths. It won't be immediate, though. There will be waiting.

Waiting is a hard thing to do. The psalmist tells us while they waited, they used that time to repent. Repentance means changing your mind. It's letting how you see yourself and the world be transformed. It can involve saying good-bye to old things or old ways of living and being. Like the psalmist who wrote this whole song with hope from the depths of pain, we too are waiting.

When we're struggling with the many challenges we are experiencing with COVID-19, we may feel different kinds of emotions. One thing we can do is pray — that is, talk to God and share all of what we feel like the psalmist did. God welcomes all of our emotions. God hears us when we're upset, scared, sad, or mad, as much as when we're happy, proud, and joyful.

Take a moment to think about how you feel when someone you care about is hurting. If you're in a group, share your responses. Just like you care when someone you love is hurting, happy, or scared, remember God also loves us and cares about how we feel. God feels it with us.

Discussion Questions

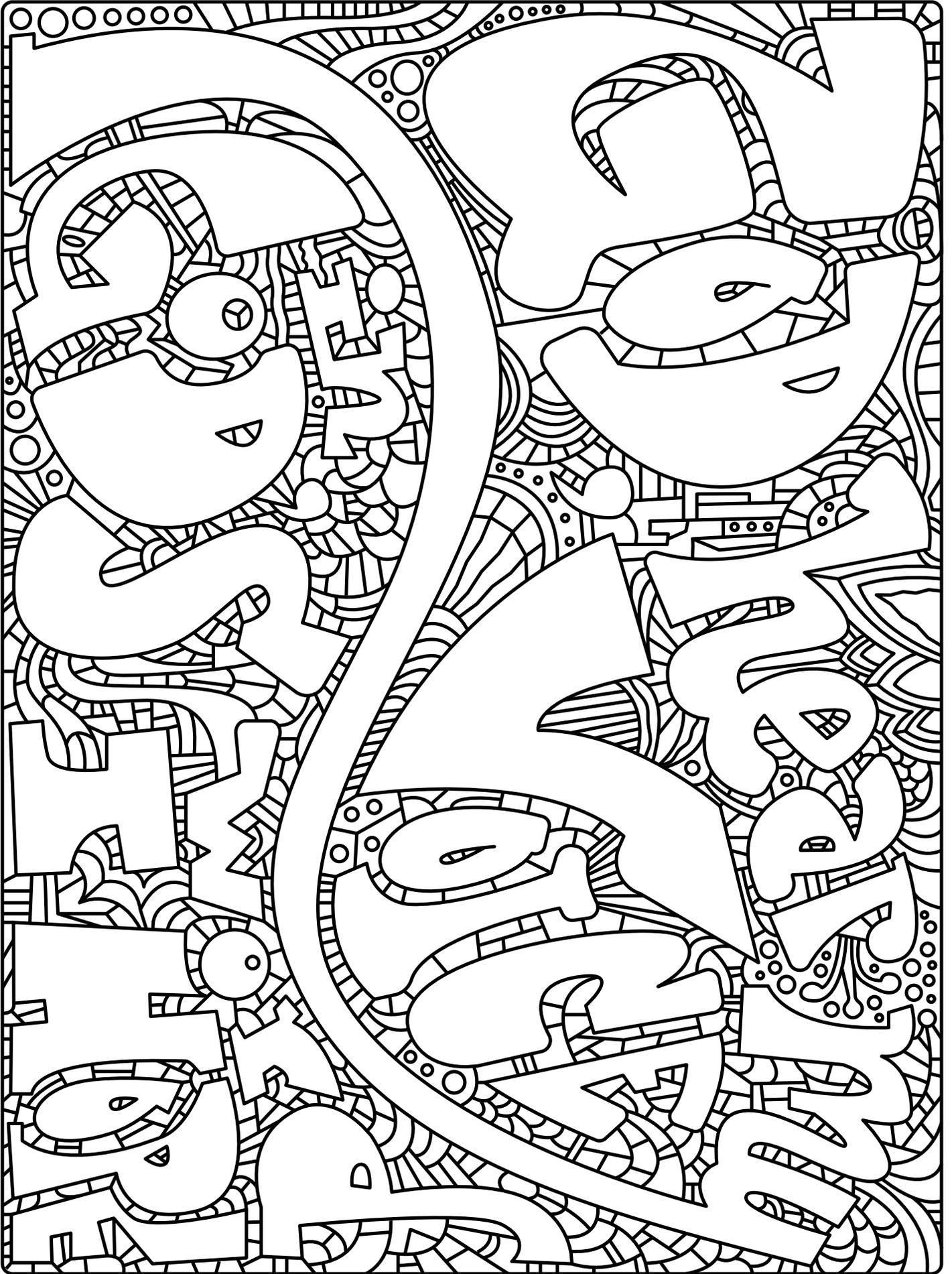
1. What is the hardest thing about waiting?
2. What do you do when you're really, really happy?
3. What do you do when you feel upset? What makes you feel better?
4. Who do you talk to when you need to share how you feel?



Psalm 130 · illustratedministry.com

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for always being with us and caring about us and our feelings. Thank you for always listening when we pray. **Amen.**



FEELINGS ACTIVITY PAGE

Use this page to draw or write about what you're feeling. Whether you draw or write, both are ways to pray to God and share how you're feeling.



When we talk about compassion, we usually do so in terms of having compassion for someone other than ourselves. **But it is essential to have compassion for ourselves.** Especially now, when COVID-19 has entirely disrupted our daily life.

One act of compassion you can practice this week is naming your emotions. When we name our feelings, we become aware of how a situation is affecting us and how we can have compassion for ourselves and others. When we've caused hurt, we make the necessary repairs in our relationships.

Do an internet search for "feelings wheel" or "emotion wheel." Find one you like, and if you can, print it out and place it somewhere visible in your home.

Check in with yourself or your family/group a few times a day. Using the emotion wheel, ask, "what are you feeling right now," and identify the emotion on the wheel. Remember, there are no right or wrong feelings. It can also be an excellent time to remember no feeling is final.

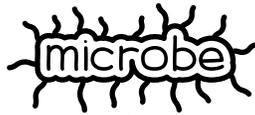
HOLY GOD

YOU ARE WITH US

from the spinning planets in our



to the



that lives on the tiniest paw
of the tiniest **mouse**.

you care for the

CREATION

you care for

US

&

WORLD

Whether we are out in the

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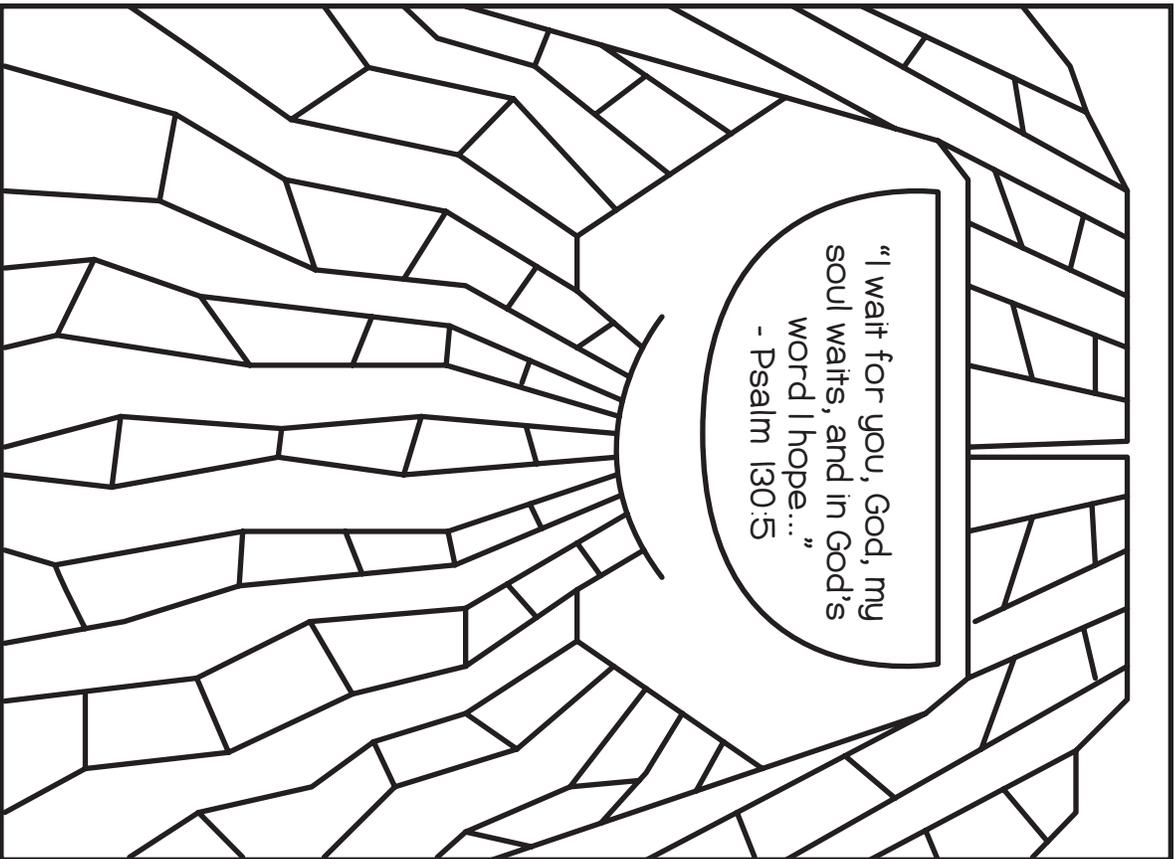
Home,

we know that You are as **CLOSE** as the

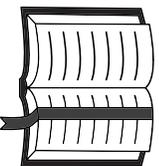
AIR THAT WE BREATHE.

Thank You for being our friend and comforter.

Amen



"I wait for you, God, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope..."
- Psalm 130:5

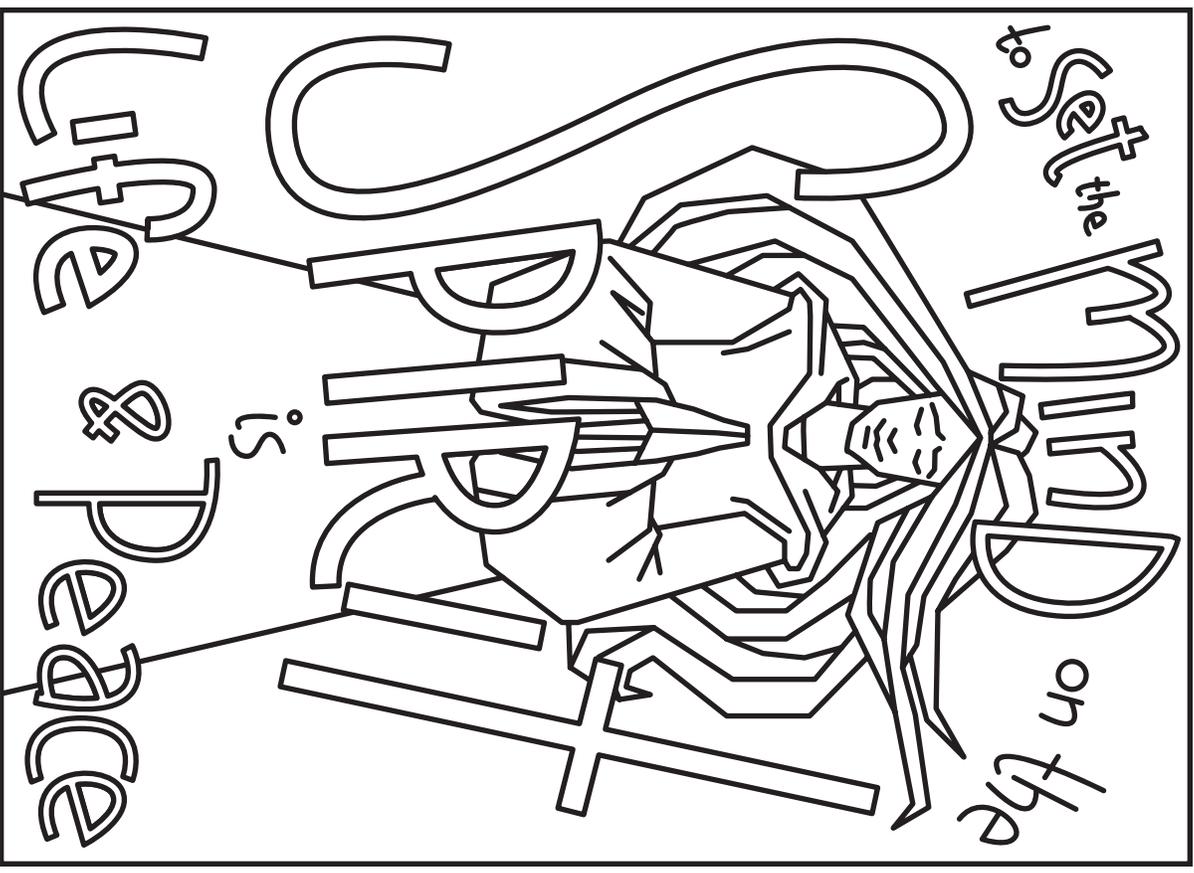


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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45.



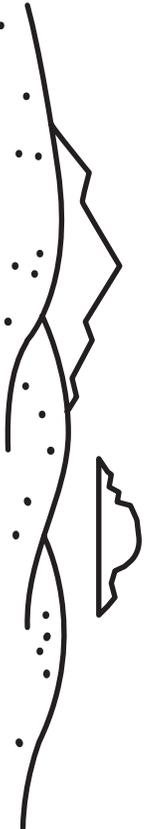
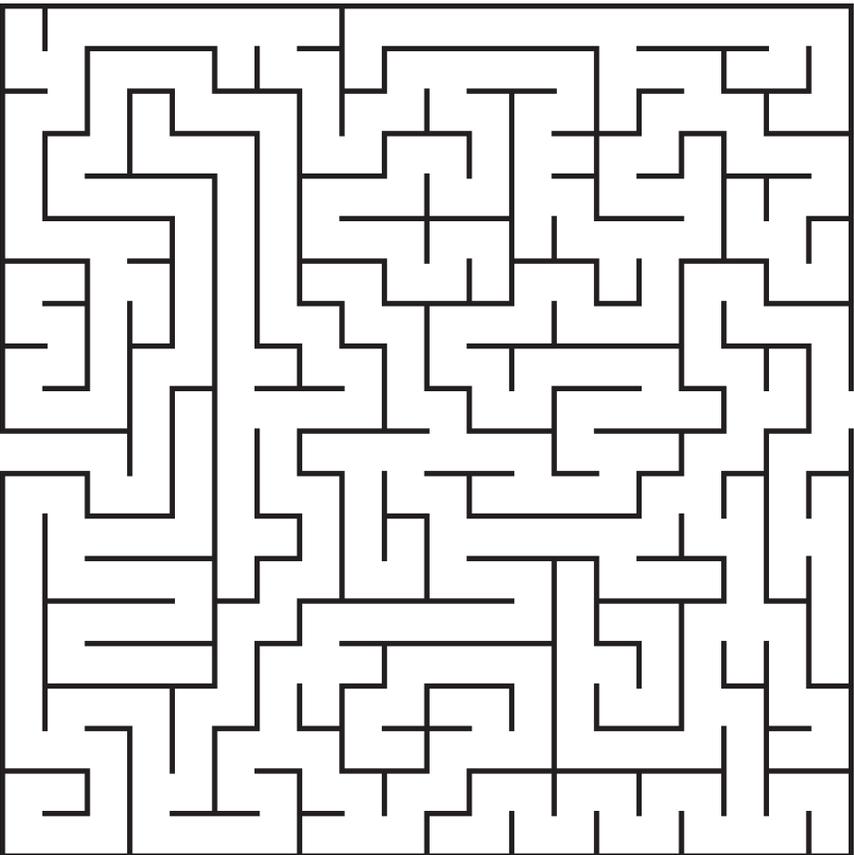
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Life & Peace

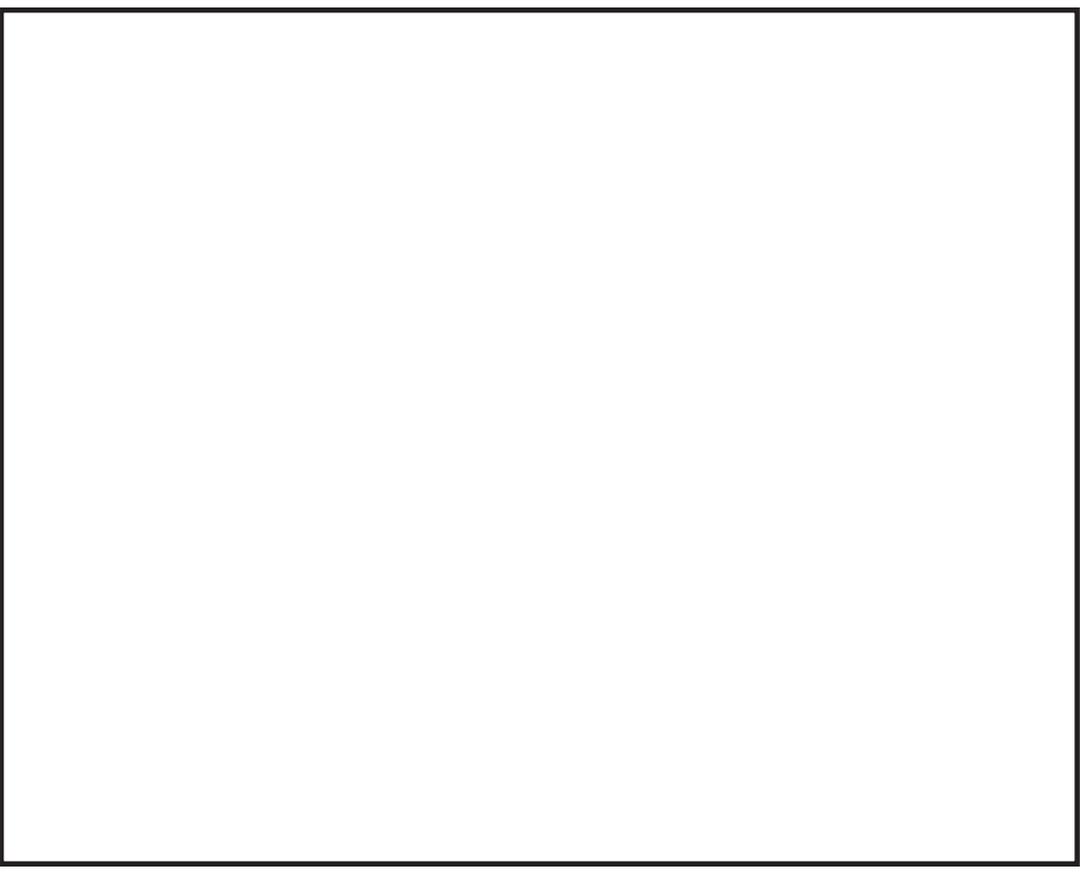
SOLVE (the) MAZE

The prophet Ezekiel was sent by God to prophesy in many places, including a valley of dry bones. Help Ezekiel find his way.



DRAW IT

John 11 shares the amazing story of Jesus bringing one of his friends, Lazarus, back to life. Lazarus had died and was in a tomb, and Jesus called him to come out of the tomb. Imagine you are watching this miracle happen. Draw what you see.





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