



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

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

Wise and Eternal God, speak to me in today's worship, that I may be grounded in your truth. Where I am lacking understanding, clarify your ways. Where I am deficient in devotion, inspire my commitment. Where I am short on courage, strengthen my resolve. I pray that I may become a faithful follower of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our virtual worship service. We invite you to participate in the liturgy by joining Dr. Jones on lines printed in **bold**.

Illustrated Ministry has provided the materials attached at the end of the bulletin for worshipping with children. We hope you will print them 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 *Westminster Weekly Word* e-newsletter through the homepage of our website (www.wpc.org), liking us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware), or following us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware).

Let us worship God!

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is the stronghold of our lives;
of whom shall we be afraid?

Let us trust in the One who strengthens us in times of trial;
and is the foundation of life and hope.

HYMN NO. 81

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
Vs. 1 & 3

AUSTRIAN HYMN

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion and mercy,
look with favor upon us as we confess our weaknesses:
Our faith is fragile in the face of crisis.
Our trust wavers when troubles arise.
Our hope collapses when life turns mean.
Mighty God, embolden us with your Spirit.
When our vision dims, restore our sight.
When our confidence wanes, give us courage.
Strengthen our resolve to live according to your ways
so that we may once again be your faithful people. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

SERMON

“Determined to be Faithful”

Greg Jones

HYMN No. 463

“How Firm a Foundation”
Vs. 1, 2 & 5

FOUNDATION

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath
said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to
stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jon McPheeters

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.**

<p>Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed. God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.</p>	<p>Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare, and publish with our final breath thy love and guardian care.</p>
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BENEDICTION

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 energy, our hands, and part of our income 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 mail a check to the church or make an online offering to support the many ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church by clicking “Donate Now” on the homepage of our website (www.wpc.org).

PASSING OF THE PEACE

According to John’s Gospel, the Risen Christ appeared to his disciples as they huddled behind locked doors and offered them the gift of peace (John 20:19). 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 your family and friends in our congregation and beyond.

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SOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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 (www.illustratedministry.com) for providing free resources for children of all ages to use during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This Week’s Educational Offerings

A list of all virtual Christian education and small group opportunities can be found on the homepage of the Westminster website (www.wpc.org).

Sunday School at Home

See the young families email blast for PDF downloadables you can use for a 20-minute Sunday school class geared toward elementary age kids. Check our [YouTube](#) channel each Sunday for a new video lesson. Not receiving the email blast for young families? Email Chesna Hinkley (chesnahinkley@wpc.org) and request to be added to the list.

Today at 10:10

The Qur'an

Presenters: Bob Cox and Kara Francis

Today and May 17.

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361> (password: wpc)

Bob and Kara will do a two-week overview of their series on the Qur'an, which was interrupted by our move online. If you missed the first half of the class, don't worry!

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

Bible Study

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361> (password: wpc)

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

While our building 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! Contact Chesna (chesnahinkley@wpc.org) with questions.

Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

Online Evening Prayer

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361> (password: wpc)

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

Click the link above on Wednesday evenings for a short, informal LIVE prayer service. 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.

Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

Women's Online Community Group

Coordinator: Jill Getty

For women of the church to provide connection and friendship, this group meets virtually using Zoom. If you are interested, please email Jill Getty at jgetty@wpc.org and she will add you to the weekly participant email list to receive the Zoom link and password.

180 Youth Ministry Activities

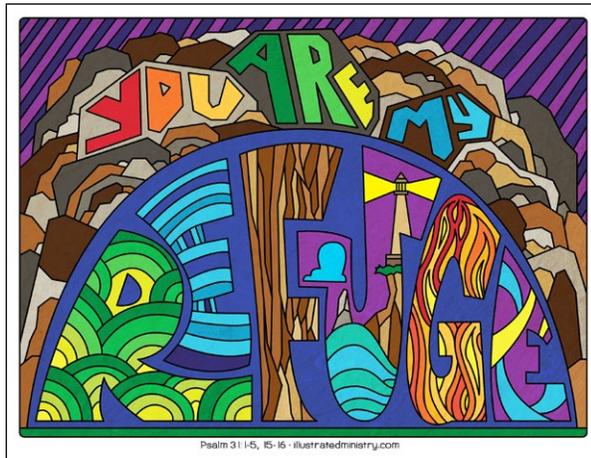
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Today is our last 180 of the calendar year. We'll meet at the above link from 11:30am – 12:15pm. Stay tuned for our summer schedule.

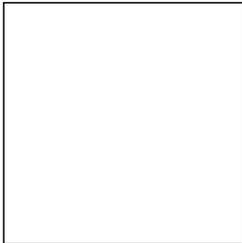
High schoolers meet for small group on Thursdays from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (text Molly or Tommy for the link).

Follow us for more on Instagram @180youth_wpc.

Faith Formation Resources for the Fifth Sunday of Easter



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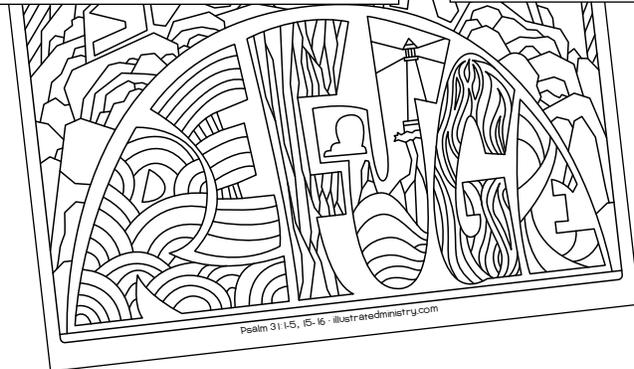


CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN
Activities based on Psalm 31:15, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 9:1-10.

Do not let
Your Hearts be...
Troubled...



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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 EASTER - MAY 10

Describe when you had to find a place of safety and protection. *Note: If you are with a group, have each person take a turn sharing.*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

“In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

Reflection

This passage from Psalms is a song of lament about grief and sorrow during a troubling and even dangerous time. It’s a song for every person who longs for a place where they feel safe, secure, and loved. The psalmist is facing danger and needs to find a safe place. He cries out to God for help, saying God is his refuge. To find refuge is to be safe and sheltered from danger.

The psalmist places trust in God with his life and his future. Even though the psalmist was hurting and struggling, he knew God was still with him and always loved him, no matter what. Nothing anyone else did or said could take that away.

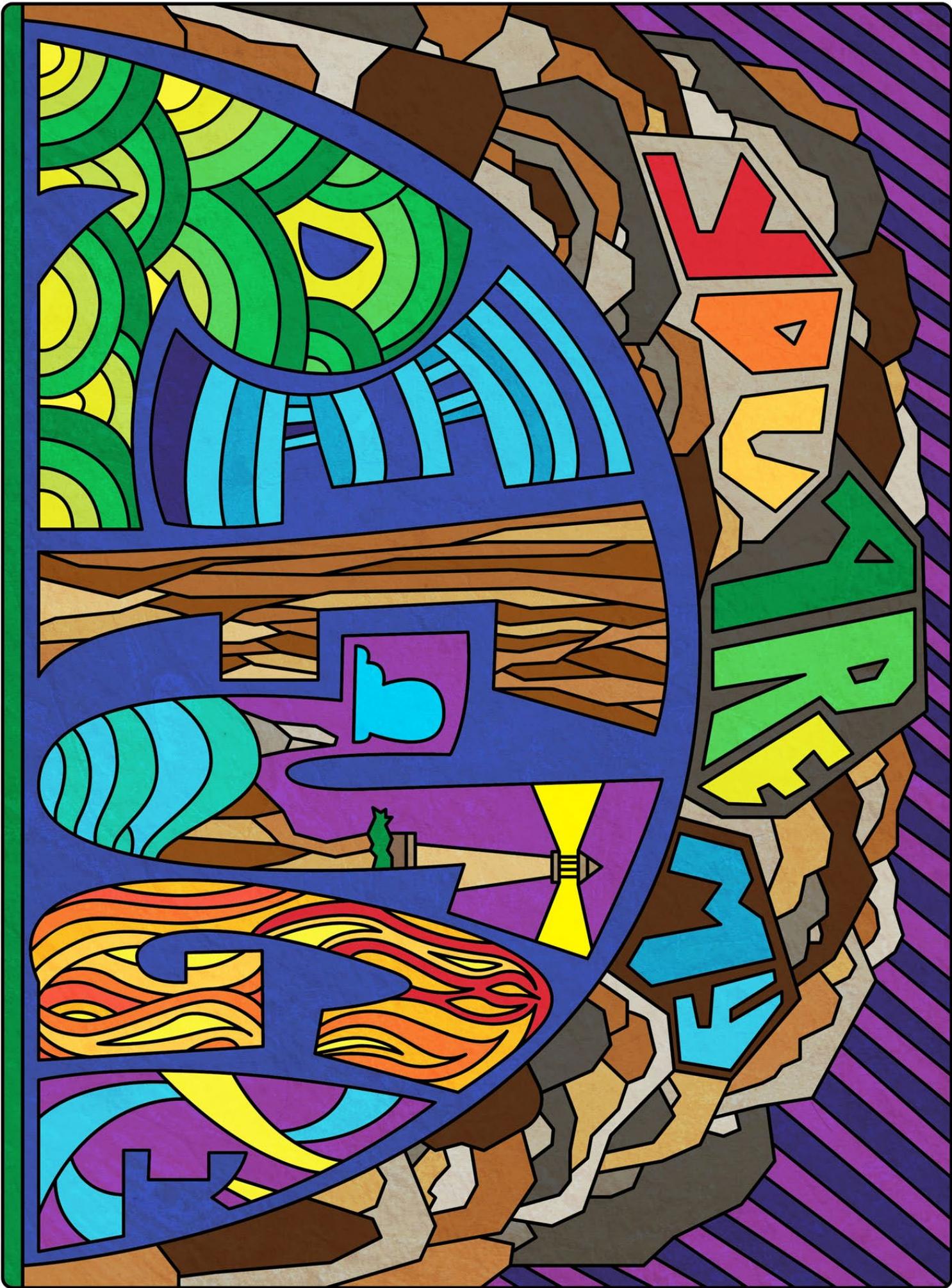
While you look at the illustration, think about how God feels that way about all of us. We are God’s beloved, and we are created in the image of God. As we continue to face uncertainty and the danger due to the continued spread of COVID-19 and its aftermath, we can seek refuge in God.

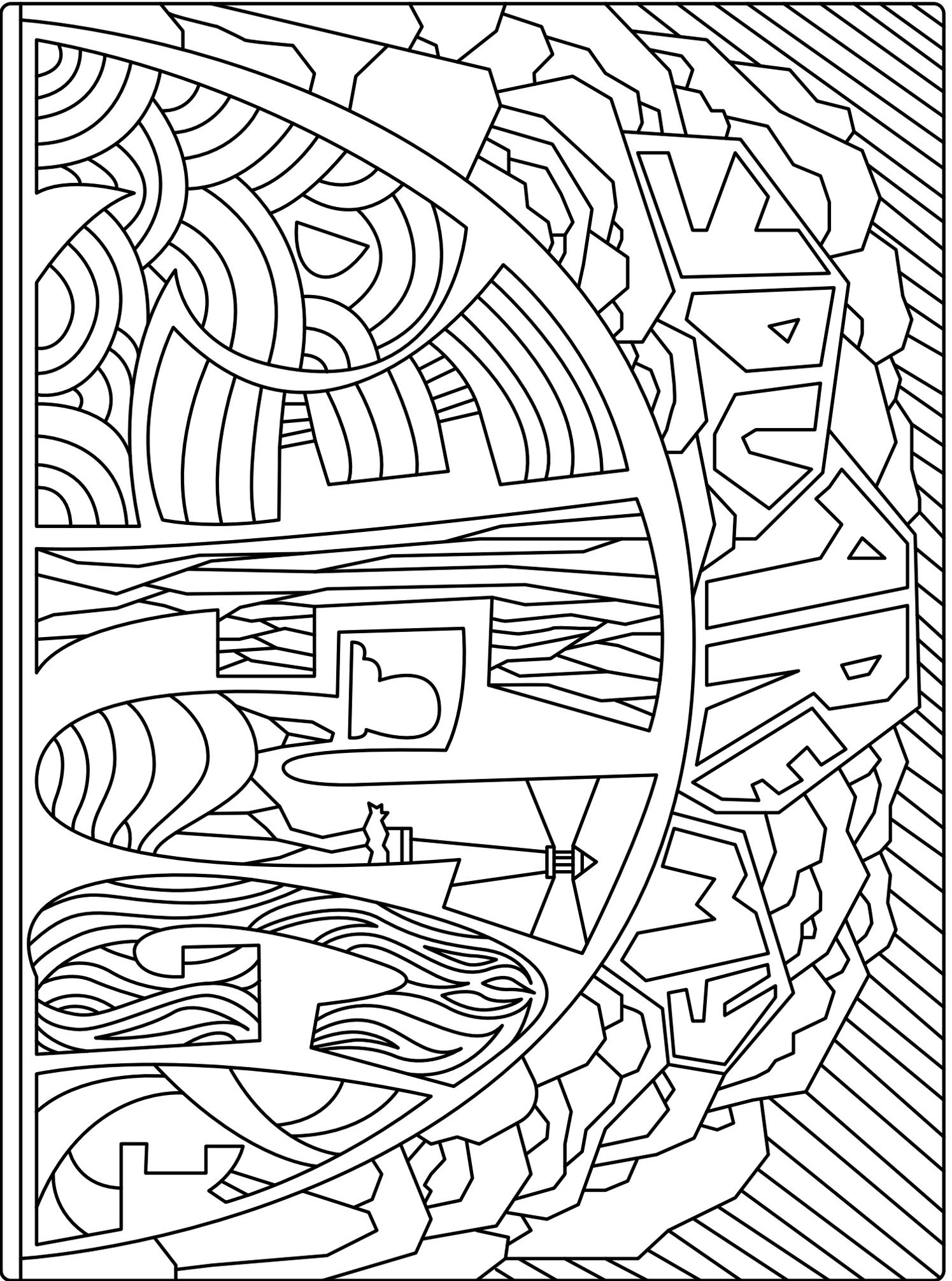
Discussion Questions

1. Who and what makes you feel safe?
2. In what ways are you finding refuge right now?
3. How do you find refuge in God?

Prayer

Holy God, thank you for always loving us, for always being with us, and for always being a refuge when things are hard and even dangerous. Help us to remember this and feel safe. **Amen.**



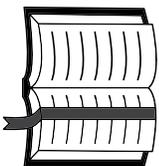
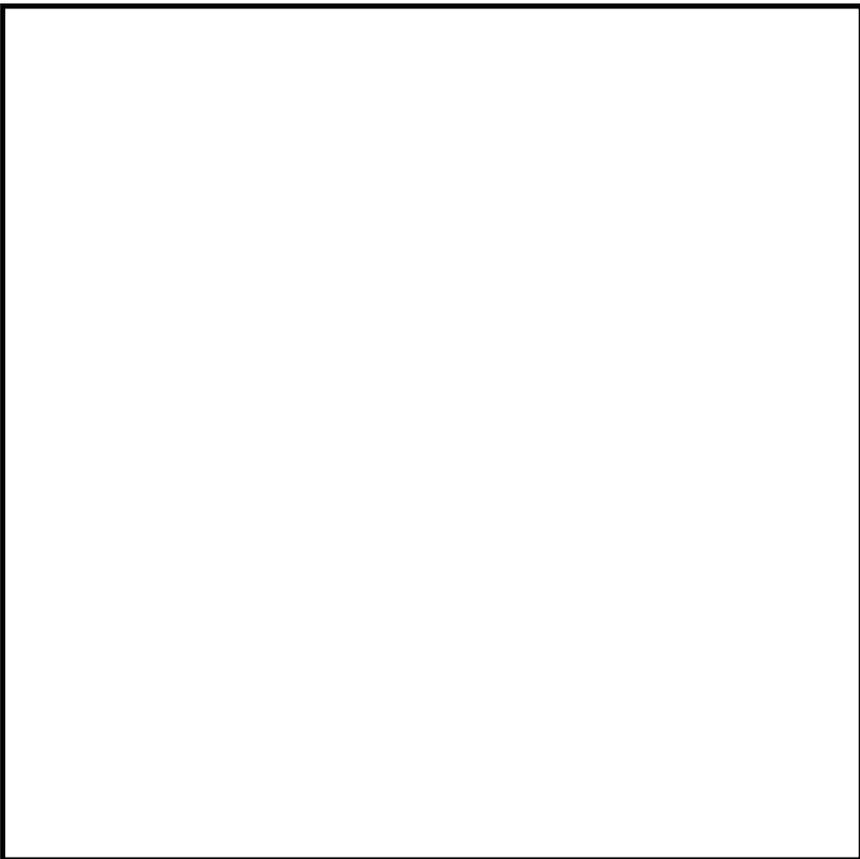


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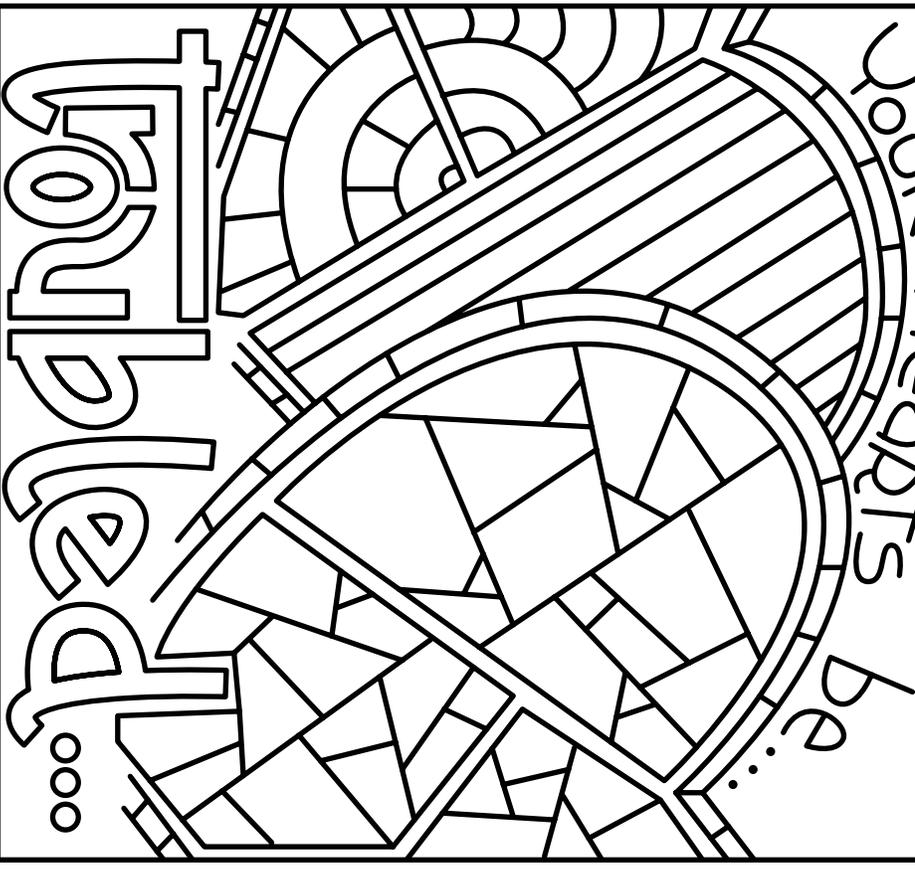
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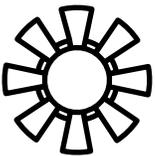
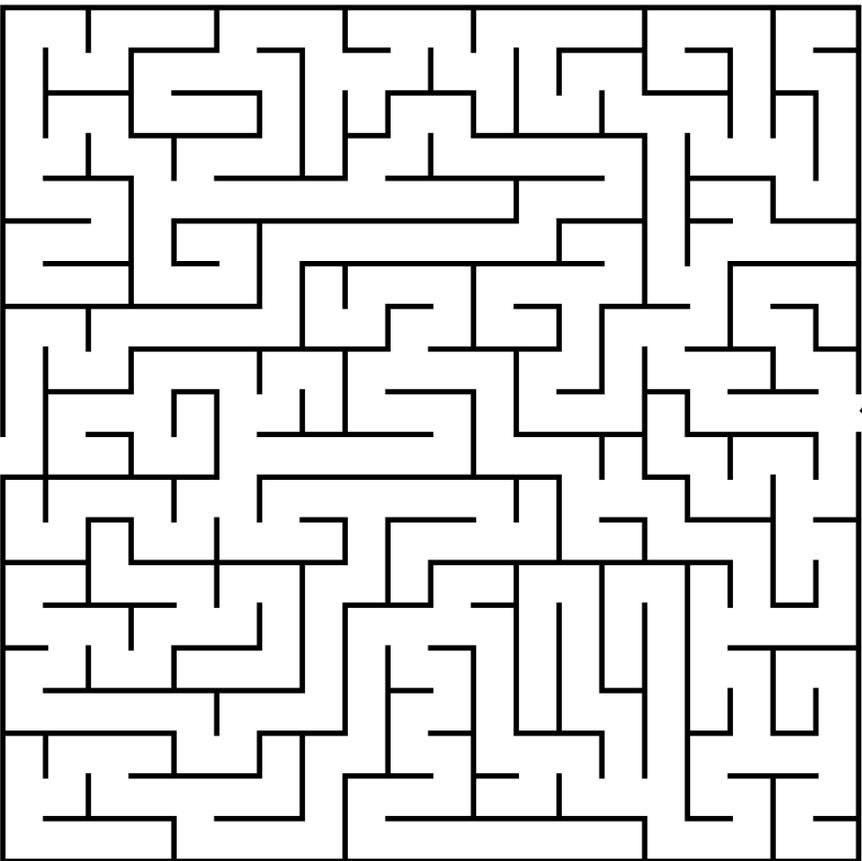
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SOLVE (the) MAZE

In John 14, Jesus describes himself as the Way to having a full, abundant, and meaningful life. Jesus is with us on the path with all of its twists and turns. Make your way through the maze!



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Psalm 31 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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 N X R M J I U F A I T H F U L
 E G I I M C P C D R O L S O W
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| RIGHTEOUS | STRONG | FACE |
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| EAR | REDEEM | STEADFAST |
| RESCUE | FAITHFUL | LOVE |



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