



Welcome!  
It is a gift to worship with you.

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 2, 2021

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Lexington, KY 40507

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# Service of Morning Worship

May 2, 2021

PRELUDE  
(8:00 AM)

***Come, Thou Almighty King***

Donald Hustad

INTROIT  
(9:30 & 11:00 AM)

***Cherubim Song***

D.S. Bortniansky

Like a choir of holy angels solemn,  
Solemn gath'ring through the air;  
Bring we to our heav'nly Father,  
Life bestowing, thrice sacred song and prayer.

Far from our hearts on this blessed day  
Do we drive each earthly care away.  
Like a King of All shall we praise Thee,  
Thou Lord unseen, by angel hosts adored, Hallelujah!

WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

1 John 4:7-12

Leader: Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

**People: But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

Leader: God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.

**People: This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.**

Leader: Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.

**People: No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.**

\* OPENING PRAYER

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

NETTLETON

\* Please stand as you are able.

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 400

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to  
2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy  
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm  
stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue  
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*universal

\* GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00 AM)

THE CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 AM)

Benjamin Peyton Sykes White, son of Mark and Katherine White

THE CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Benjamin with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for Benjamin, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

OFFERTORY  
(8:00 AM)

***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

Don Phillips

OFFERTORY  
(9:30 & 11:00 AM)

***Go Not Far from Me, O God***

Zingarelli

Go not far from me, O God;  
Cast me not away in the time of age;  
Forsake me not when my strength faileth me.  
O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise:  
That I may sing Thy glory and honor all the day long.

\* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:26-40, NRSV

SERMON

***Building Blocks of the New Creation: Apostolic Impulse***

Notes at <http://bible.com/events/48688447>

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Leader to people:*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*People to leader:*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

*Leader and people:*

**Glory to God. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EASTER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.  
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.  
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew  
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead

and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.  
Once we were no people, but now we are your people,  
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.  
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead  
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,  
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued  
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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.**

\* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

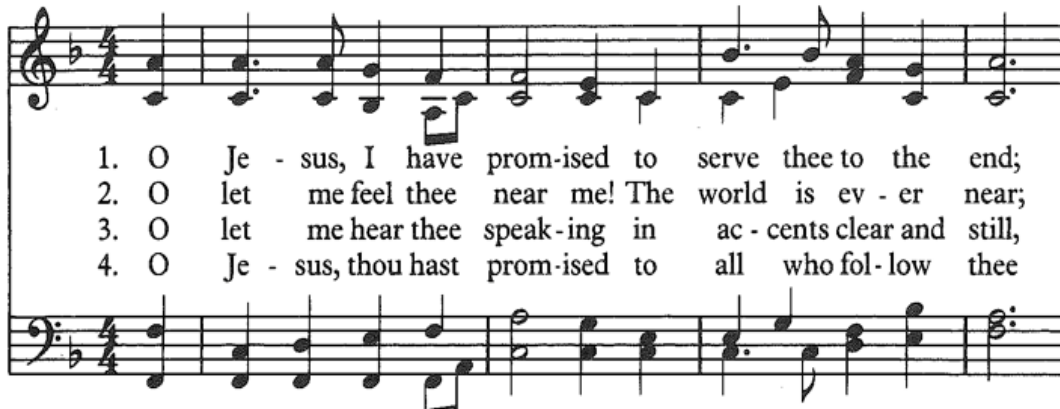
*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

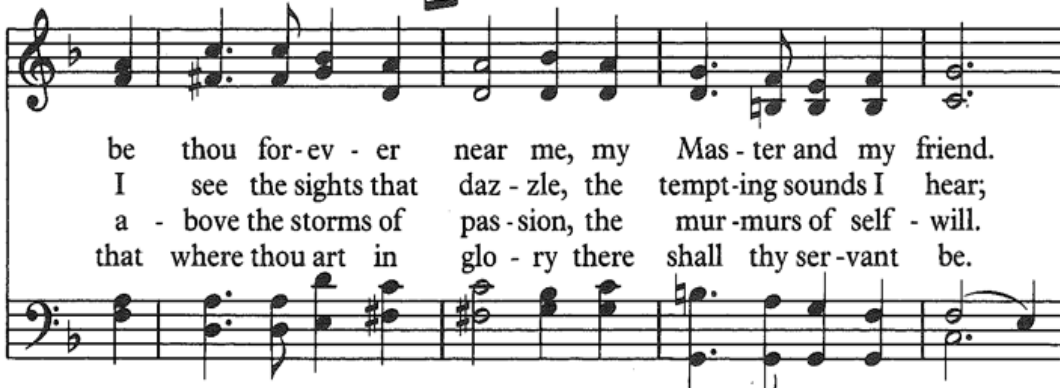
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# O Jesus, I Have Promised

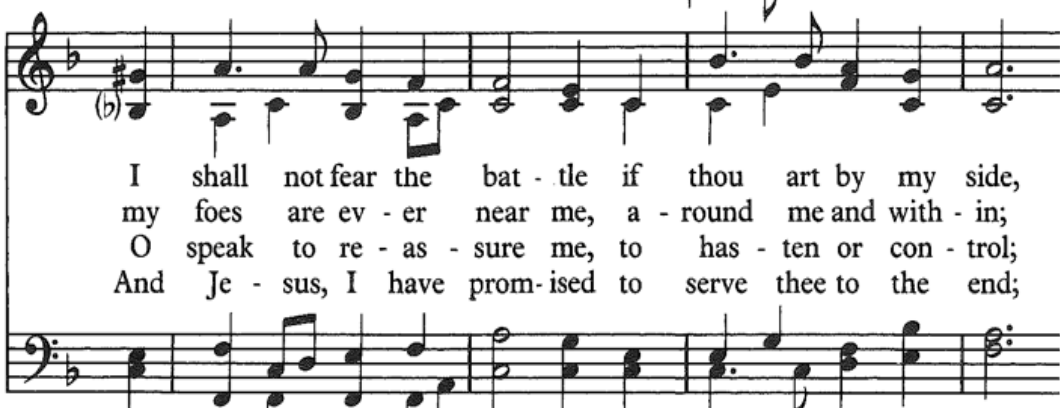
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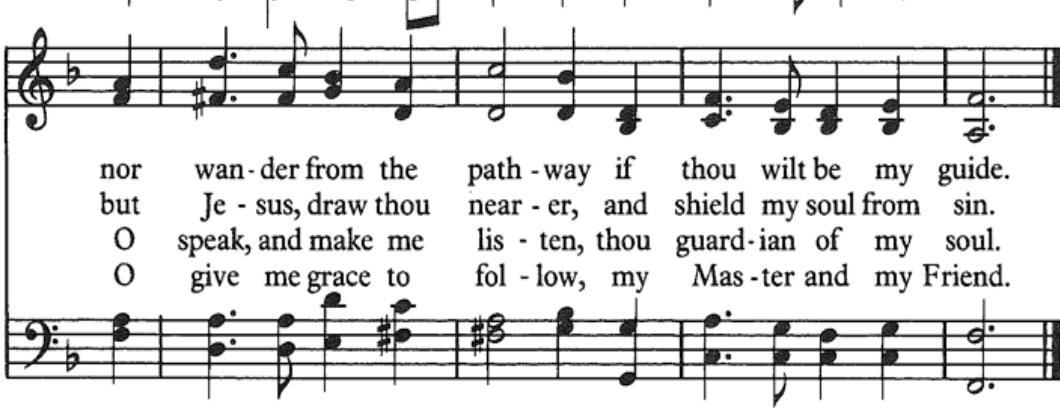
1. O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 3. O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4. O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee



be thou for-ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear;  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
 but Je - sus, draw thou near - er, and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE  
(9:30 & 11:00 AM)

***God of Grace***

John Ness Beck

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving Thee whom we adore. Amen and Amen!

POSTLUDE

***Postlude on Old Hundredth***

Fred Bock

The Altar flowers this morning are given by Phil and Brenda Nally  
in honor of this year's Graduating Seniors.

Healthy at Church: please maintain distance and use a face covering over your nose and mouth  
the entire time you are here. Thank you!

Offering: secure wooden boxes in the narthex and side exit are available for offering to be  
made in person. Thank you for your support.

**LEADERS OF WORSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Liturgists: Cassidy Baas, Cameron Bibb, Carol Cooper

Associate Director of Music/Organist: Glenna Metcalfe

8:00 AM Choir: Lu-Ann Farrar, Betsy Pickens, Steve Whyte, John Williams

Choral Scholars: Ryan Barr, Will Chandler, Trey Darnell, Jessica French,

Wagner Pastor, Kathrin Thawley, Wm. Clay Thompson

Director of Music: Brock Terry

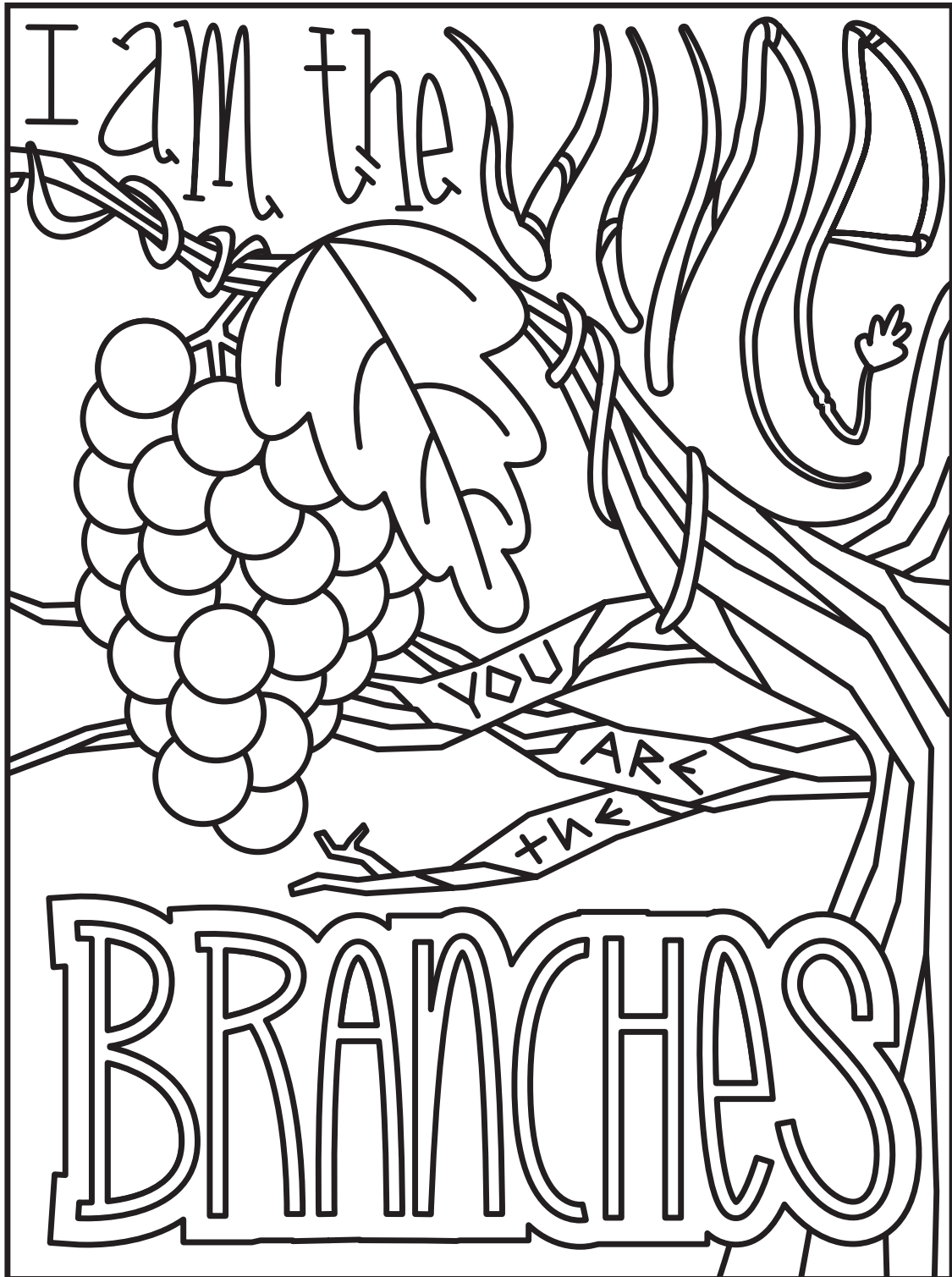
Preacher: Todd Nelson

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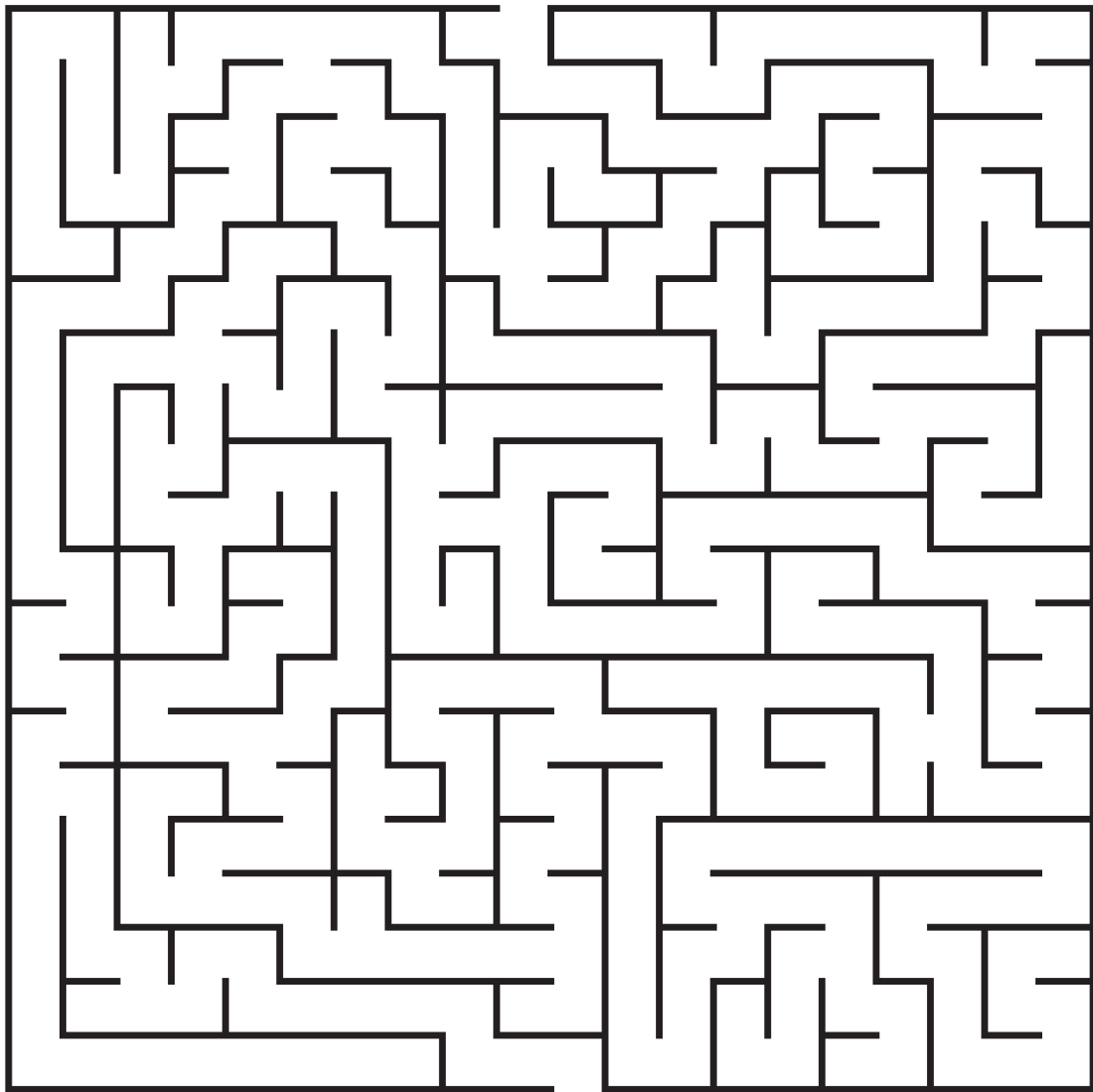
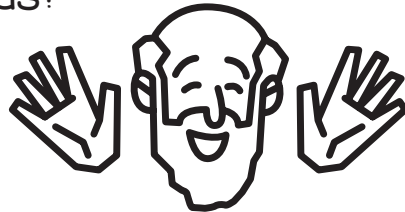
# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8



# SOLVE (the) MAZE

In Acts 8, Philip helps a man learn about God and then baptizes him. The man is so excited. He goes to tell others all about it. Follow the maze to help him reach his friends!



# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from 1 John 4 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

S L Z L M U L T F U M L S T H  
Q I T E S T I F Y V X B C G R  
Y H S K F F G I V E M R O X B  
U A M T J H S S O N T O M R K  
V G I O E L A C X Q K T M I G  
I W Z G O R C C L T D H A W U  
S R T C E F R E P A L E N P U  
H A R A S A I K H B I R D V E  
J L Z F P D F U Y I V R M V W  
Q O F I I H I G O D E T E S N  
T V L P R G C E E E V R N P M  
A E V E I L E B N O Y K T Z D  
J Q D M T R N T H O G N Q J L  
Q P A Z U P D E N I O O J A O  
J Q R A E F G E O Q D W E E B

LOVE

GOD

EVERYONE

KNOW

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LIVE

SACRIFICE

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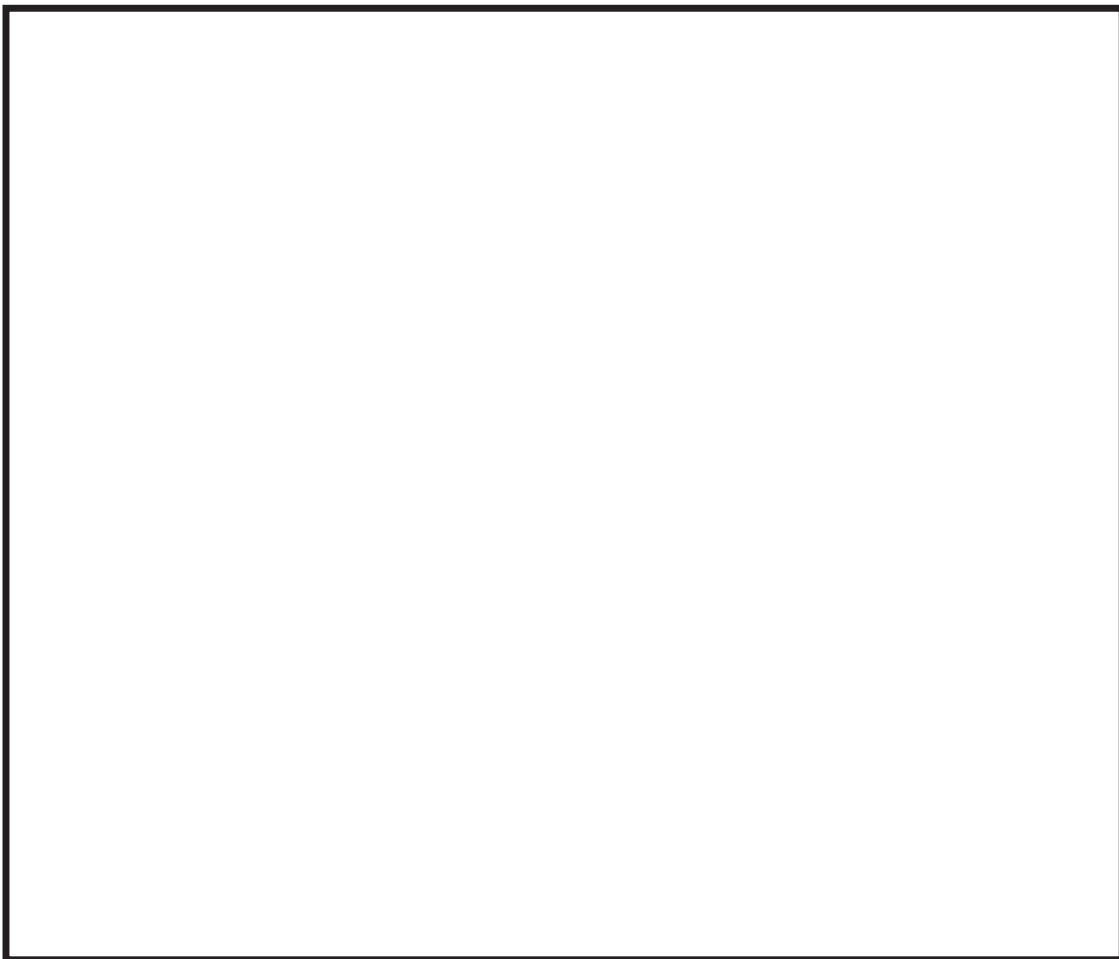
SISTER

COMMANDMENT



# DRAW IT

In John 15, Jesus describes himself as a vine and says we are like branches on that vine. We produce good fruit when we are connected to him! Fruit like generous lives and compassionate hearts. Maybe you connect with Jesus by being outside in creation, singing, or praying with your family. **Draw a picture of how you like to connect with Jesus.**



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