



## Second Sunday of Easter April 19, 2020

### PRELUDE

"Christ Arose"

Robert Lowry/arr. John Innes

Linda Vollweiler, organ

*(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)*

### WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 16)

Damen Heitmann

Protect us, O God, for in you we take refuge.

***We say, "You are my Lord; we have no good apart from you."***

We bless the LORD who gives us counsel; we keep the LORD always before us; we shall not be moved.

***Therefore our hearts are glad, and our souls rejoice; our bodies also rest secure.***

You show us the path of life. In your presence, there is fullness of joy.

***Come, let us worship our God, who gladdens our hearts, causes our souls to rejoice, and lets us rest secure!***

### \*HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

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Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Song Leader

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We confess, O God, that we keep our doors closed. In this time of social distancing, we have not only locked ourselves away, but at times we have locked our hearts away, too. We've turned everyone into strangers. We are letting our fear get the best of us. We are afraid for our health and safety but are also afraid to look foolish if we admit we've lost our way or acknowledge that our lives aren't perfect or seem vulnerable for a moment. Open us, O God. Forgive us our fear and free us to new lives. Grant us the courage to be sent out into the lives of others.***

### QUESTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

*What fear holds you back?*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*We are one in our iniquity.*

***We are one in our restoration.***

*We are forgiven by God.*

***Alleluia! Amen.***

\*PEACE OF CHRIST (Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)  
*The Peace of Christ be with you!*  
***And also with you!***

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***As your word is read and proclaimed, let us perceive it beyond hearing,  
understand it beyond knowing, and cherish it beyond loving. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Peter 1:3-9

ANTHEM

“Symphonia on HYFRYDOL”

Kevin McChesney

Hastings College Bell Choir *Pre-Recorded from 2019*

(The tune HYFRYDOL is used for many hymns including an Easter hymn entitled “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” Below are the lyrics of one verse for you to reflect on as you listen to the Hastings College Bell Choir)

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise:  
“I am with you evermore.”

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – John 20:19-31

MESSAGE

“Peace be with you”

Greg Allen-Pickett

HYMN

“I Will Come to You/You Are Mine”

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Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Song Leader

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle’s 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 of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.***

***The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living 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 life everlasting.***

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Allegro" from Violin Sonata, Op. 5, No. 3 Arcangelo Corelli/arr. Kevin Norris

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**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN

## “Hymn of Promise”

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## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

## \*POSTLUDE

## "A Resurrection Fanfare"

Lani Smith

Organist Linda Vollweiler

*(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)*

*(\*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)*

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK &  
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

## “Stay at Home” Traditional Worship Service

## Broadcast live

10:30 a.m. on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)

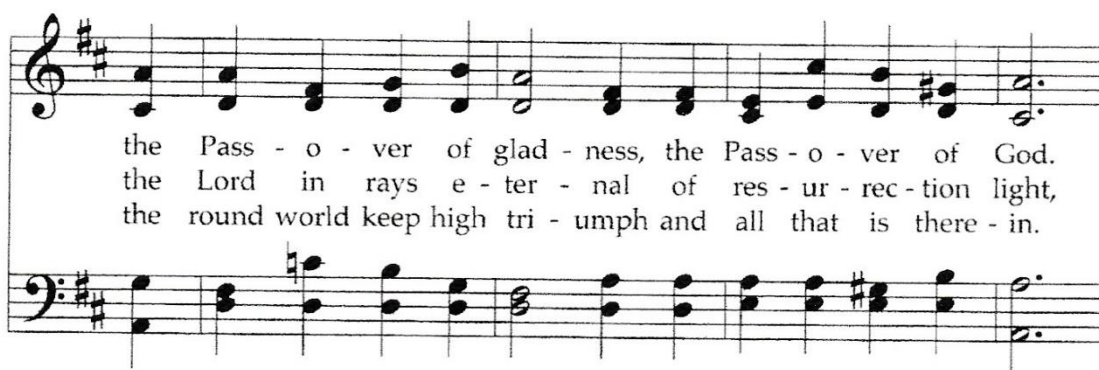
(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM

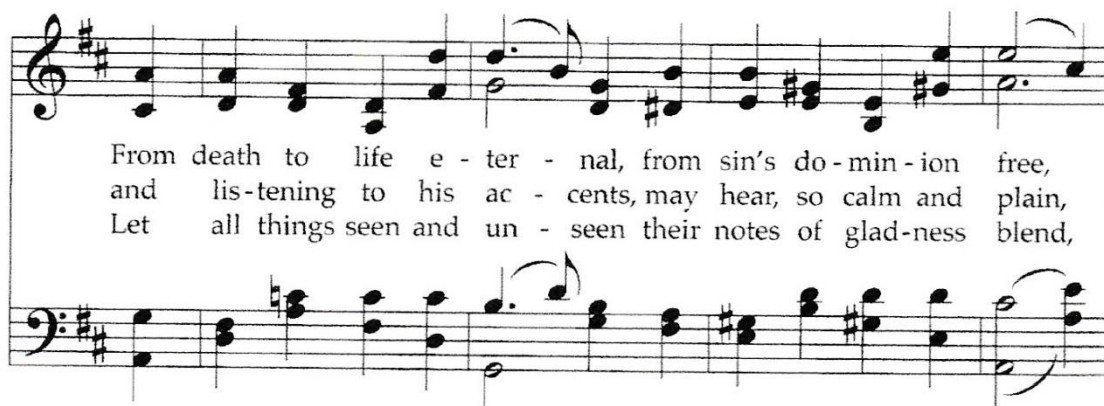
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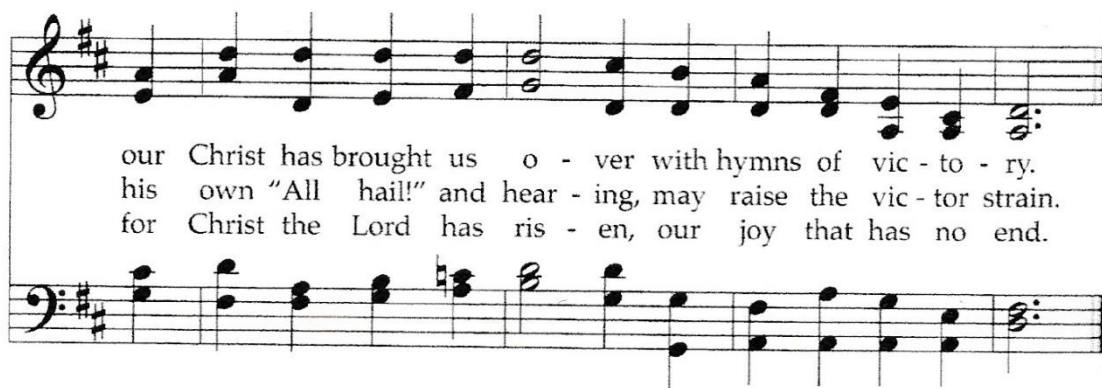
1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,




our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

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# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.



## I Will Come to You

## You Are Mine

*Leader or All*

A D A E

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I

F#m D Esus E

I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.

A D C# F#m

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

Bm A D Esus E Esus E

still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)  
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)  
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)  
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

*Refrain* All A D E F#m7 D

Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

Esus E A D E F#m F#m7

name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I

D Esus E A E D E A E D E

love you and you are mine." 4 "I

Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.

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Praise God, from Whom  
All Blessings Flow  
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

\*Or "God"


TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH

# In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

## Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) F (Em) Gm



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) C7 (D) F



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)  
 F7 B<sup>b</sup> Gm F Dm Gm A Dm



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> Gm F Dm Gm C7 F



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."  
 Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

TEXT and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986  
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PROMISE  
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### *First Presbyterian Church of Hastings* *Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873*

**Head of Church:** Jesus Christ  
**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett  
**Director of Children & Family**  
**Ministries:** Stephanie Brader  
**Organist and Music Coordinator:** Linda Vollweiler  
**Calvin/Westminster Choir Director:** Linda Johnson  
**Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors:** Tim and Teresa Canady  
**Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director:** Dr. Susan Oliver  
**Accompanists:** Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

**Ministers:** Members of the Church  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Heitmann  
**Parish Associate:** Kili Wenburg  
**Chancel Choir Director:** Dr. Robin Koozer  
**Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster Bells Director:** Dr. Byron Jensen  
**Church Office Administrator:** Jean Matheny  
**Facilities Manager:** Tony Calhoun  
**Bookkeeper:** Deb Hamburger



**April 19, 2020**

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in honor of the Morhart and Kovar children.

**Flowers** are given by Less & JoAnn Seiler

**Today's service will be broadcast**

- live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)  
(You don't need to have an account to watch.)
- on the radio during Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. on KICS 1550 AM.
- on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- at Good Samaritan Village, the service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

**A copy of any Sunday service** is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Jean in the office at 402-462-5147 or [jean@fpchastings.org](mailto:jean@fpchastings.org).

**Looking for a way to give during our time of "Stay at Home" Church?** The



church counts on your giving to carry on its work. As you participate in "Stay at Home" Worship, please mail your donation in, drop by the church office during the week, sign up for electronic fund transfers, or give on-line at: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

In the days and weeks to come, the church will continue to play a vital role in responding to this virus, just as we did with the flood relief efforts in Nebraska last year. Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.

***FPC Prayers for:***

Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)	Alana DeBellis & family
Jim Duval	Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's Dad)	Family of Celia Ganow
Cheryl Ann Elfond	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	Jeff Howard
Jane Horton	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Irina Erickson's Mom
Jim Hahne	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)	Gretchen Lainson
Everly Hogan	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's Dad)	Jim Harrenstein
Janet Schawang	Georga & Duane Ochsner	Ben & Joyce Ore

***Please let us know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the prayer list by calling the church office at 402-462-5147.***



**Help Us Celebrate...**

Please wish Carol Medsker a happy 90th birthday on April 12. Her family requests a card shower in her honor. Send your cards to her at 902 East F Street, Hastings, NE 68901.

**April Communion Offering** goes to the Maryland Living Center (MLC) of Hastings. The mission of MLC is to provide an empowering life experience in a stable, safe, and secure living and learning environment for homeless or transitioning youth. MLC is a permanent housing facility that aims to successfully transition homeless and aged-out youth, ages 16-21 years old, into independent living within 12-18 months.

**MLC felt what they currently most need** is entertainment for the residents in the form of young adult card games, puzzles, board games, adult coloring books, markers/crayons, books, etc. These items can be dropped off at MLC.

### **This Week at FPC --- April 20 – April 26, 2020**

*Session has voted to suspend all in-person meetings through May 11 in order to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. All boards and committees will continue to meet via conference call to be coordinated by the church staff representative.*

<b>Mon, Apr 20</b>		<b>“Monday Check-in” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent out via email and social media
<b>Tues, Apr 21</b>	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
	<b>6:45p-7:45p</b>	<b>Deacon meeting</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
<b>Wed, Apr 22</b>	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Bible at Breakfast</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
	<b>9:30a-10:30p</b>	<b>Hastings College Chapel</b>
		<b>“Kids’ Corner” Communication</b> from Stephanie Brader Sent out via email and social media
<b>Thurs, Apr 23</b>	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Retreat in the Real World</b> via Zoom Conferencing
<b>Fri, Apr 24</b>		<b>“Friday Feature” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent out via email and social media
<b>Sat, Apr 25</b>		
<b>Sun, Apr 26</b>	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>“Stay at Home” Worship Service</b>



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be **Tuesday, May 26, 2020**, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now! To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at [402-469-9285](tel:402-469-9285) or sign up at

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



**Sponsored by:**  
First United Methodist Church  
First Presbyterian Church

Third Saturday of the Month  
Annex Building  
Lincoln and 7th St. Hastings

A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food to families in need through a one day distribution. Our goal is to provide food where there is a high need, but resources are limited. The mobile food pantry is available to all free of charge. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

	<b>April 18, 2020</b>	
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting	9:45 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting	10:00 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting	10:15 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting	10:30 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting	10:45 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting	11:00 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting	11:15 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting	11:30 AM

Those interested in receiving food should bring boxes or bags. Those interested in volunteering with the event should simply show up on the date of the next distribution and check in at the volunteer sign-in table. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00. Plastic bags can be brought to the church office and donated to the cause.



## **Presbyterian Women supports Healthy Beginnings with a special Mother's Day offering, Sunday, May 10.**

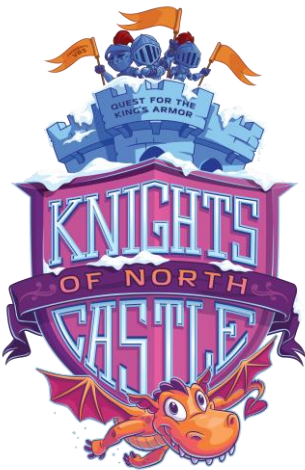
Healthy Beginnings is a Mary Lanning Healthcare program established to help families at high risk, especially those struggling with financial shortages, homelessness, addiction issues, abuse and neglect, domestic violence and health issues. Home visits are offered weekly for families prenatally and until the last child is three years of age.

Nurses are important to the program as they can educate for improved healthcare in the home and encourage families to establish a medical provider, limiting the use of Emergency Room for situations that would be better suited for a doctor office.

Please keep in your prayers the hospital team members who work with Healthy Beginnings and the families they support.

Please make your donation checks out to Presbyterian Women and mail them to the church. A table will be set up in the Memorial Room when we are able to once again meet at the church.

## **2020 VBS Volunteers Needed** **First Presbyterian Church--Hastings, NE**



We are preparing for two amazing Vacation Bible School offerings again this year—our Traditional VBS and our Special-Needs VBS.

We are using Cokesbury's Knight of North Castle VBS. North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But the armor isn't what they think it is.

Knights of North Castle VBS invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power.

They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and they will explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

### **Our Traditional VBS will be held**

**Monday, June 1- Thursday, June 4, from 9:00am-12:00pm**

### **Our Special-Needs VBS will be held**

**Monday, June 1 – Wednesday, June 3, from 1:00pm-3:00pm**

It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS? Please register SOON as a volunteer at <https://fpchastings.org/children/>. Please contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) or 402-462-5147 with any questions or if you'd like a printed registration form.



## **KID'S CORNER** *(also located on Facebook)*

Dear FPC Family:

Each Wednesday, I will be recording a short bible story and share a link to some fun activities that all correspond with the scripture lesson for the following Sunday. I'll be calling this "Kid's Corner." You can click on the links below to watch the video and to connect with some fun puzzles and crafts. The video and materials are geared mostly toward children, but I

hope that some adults will enjoy them also. Please share with your friends, kids, and grandkids.

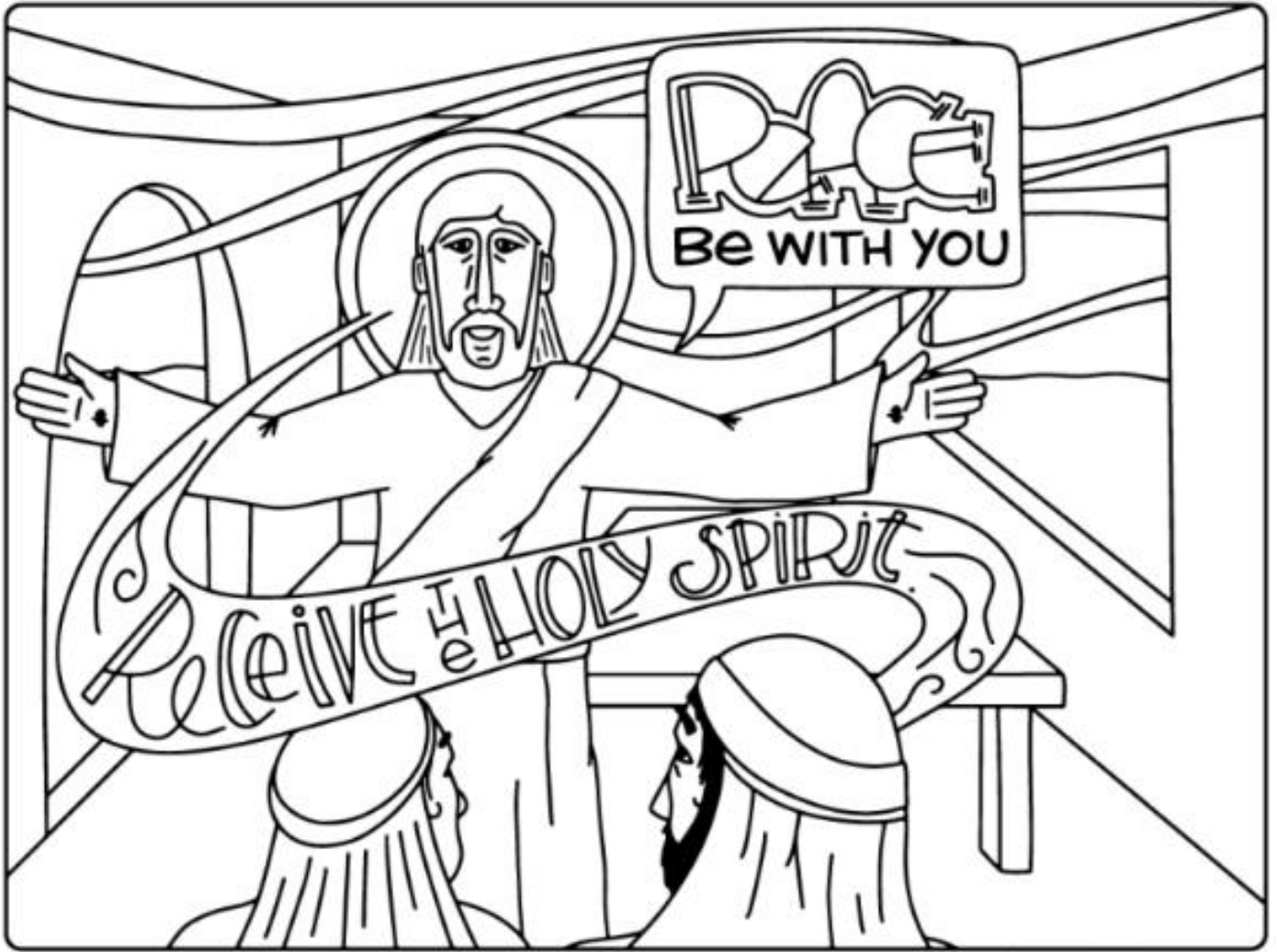
Here is this week's Kid's Corner information. Enjoy and share with a friend.

Link to the Bible Story Video: [https://youtu.be/G6R\\_s9zYEQs](https://youtu.be/G6R_s9zYEQs) Link to the activities: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1xD1CltFt9Li7NfScmYdoV-fSwz0l9xZk>

I look forward to continuing to connect with families through "Kid's Corner" and to continue our faith formation outside of our routine programs like Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live. Have a blessed week!

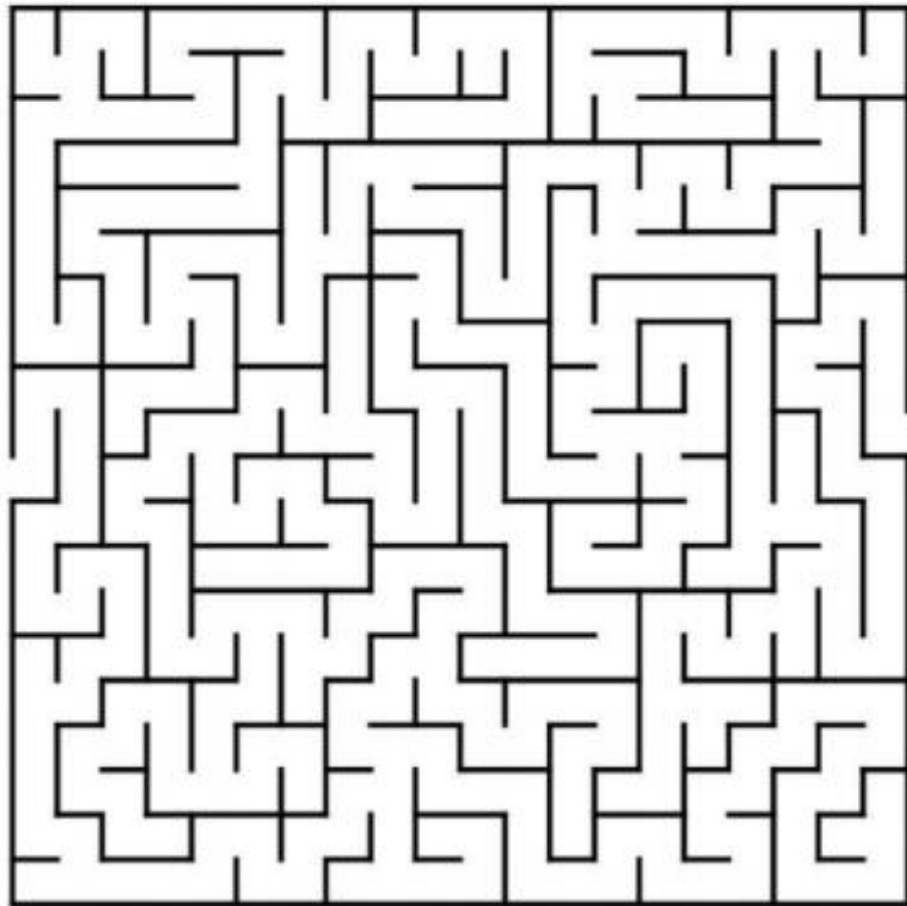
Your Servant in Christ,

Stephanie Brader, Director of Education for Children & Youth





Help the disciples receive the breath of the Holy Spirit from Jesus.



# Can You Believe It?

Sometimes we have a hard time believing the things that people tell us.  
Solve this code to figure out what Thomas didn't believe.

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# Doubting Thomas



Thomas was the only disciple not there that night. When he got back, the others excitedly told him about Jesus' visit.

## We Can Believe

Sometimes it's hard to believe in God. Thomas had a hard time believing, and he was alive at the same time as Jesus! Fill out this card and put it someplace where you'll see it at home. When you see it, remember that God loves you!

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