



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020

PRELUDE "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" J.S. Bach
Linda Vollweiler, organ
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT "Seek and You will Find" Natalie Sleeth
Alleluia Choir (1st & 2nd Grades) and Praise Choir (3rd-5th Grades); Pre-recorded 09/29/2019
Tim & Teresa Canady, directors; Alice Throckmorton, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 31) Damen Heitmann
In you, O LORD, we seek refuge;
In your righteousness, deliver us.
Incline your ear to us; rescue us speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress to save us.
You are indeed our rock and our fortress;
Lead us and guide us, O LORD!
Let your face shine upon us;
Save us in your steadfast love. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" 275
Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient and forgiving God, we come to you this day. Remind us that your blessings are poured out in many ways, through many people. Give us the confident faith that reaches beyond our own lives to help others. Forgive us when we sink into our own selfishness and pettiness, for it is in those times that we turn our back on you. Bring us back to you, to the awareness of your eternal love. In Christ's Name, we pray.

QUESTIONS AND SILENT CONFESSION

How have I resisted Christ as the foundation in my life?
How have I resisted being a "living stone" built upon that foundation?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ, our cornerstone and our salvation,

Offers us hope and comfort.

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

582

Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Song Leader

*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

Stephanie Brader

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let the one who has ears to hear, listen. The Word of the Lord speaks to the living of our lives today. God's Word is our fortress and strength, providing shelter and foundation for daily living. Let the one who has ears to hear, listen. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

ANTHEM

“Jesus Savior, Lord I Adore You”

Benjamin Harlan

Calvin Choir (6th-8th Grades) and Westminster Choir (9th-12th Grades); Pre-recorded 02/20/2020

Linda Johnson, director; Mary Plock, piano

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Peter 2:2-10

MESSAGE

“Living Stones”

Greg Allen-Pickett

HYMN

“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

766

Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Song Leader

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the 2006 “Song of Faith” from the United Church in Canada)

We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world.

We are called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers, loving what he loved, living what he taught, striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place.

Our living of the gospel makes us a part of this communion of saints, experiencing the fulfillment of God's reign even as we actively anticipate a new heaven and a new earth.

We sing of God's good news lived out, a church with purpose: faith nurtured, and hearts comforted, gifts shared for the good of all, members of a community held and inspired by God, corrected and comforted, instruments of the loving Spirit of Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Forest Green”

Praise Bells (3rd-5th Grades); Susan Oliver, director; Pre-recorded 11/03/2019

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

606

Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Song Leader

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive these gifts this morning, O God, author of every good gift. Out of the bounty of our hearts, we respond with faithful generosity and love. May these gifts become blessings for others as they have been blessing for us. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.

*HYMN

“Go to the World!”

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Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Song Leader

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.
I am the church; you are the church; we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we’re the church together!

*POSTLUDE

Triumphal March"

Theodor Dubois

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 (at least through May 31st)

Broadcast live

10:30 a.m. on Facebook at 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

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do - us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b 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^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

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

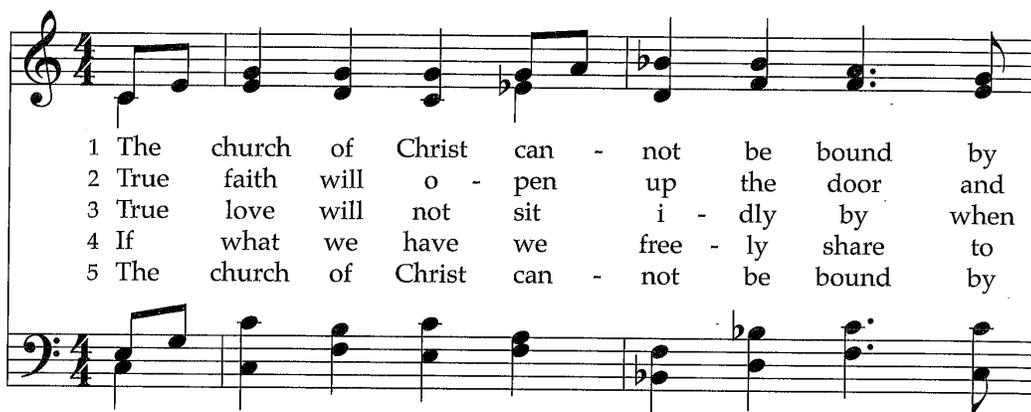
(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

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.

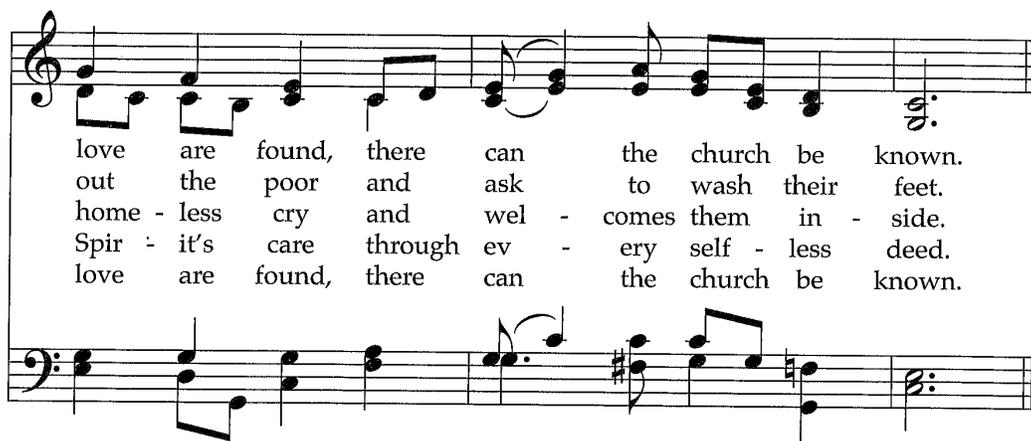
766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by



walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and



love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwritng competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

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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"

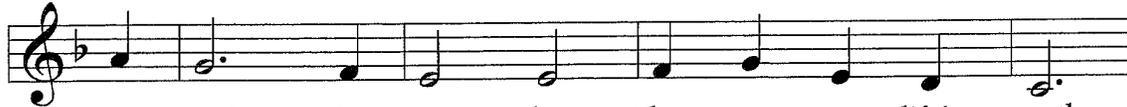
TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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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

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

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

May 10, 2020

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Rogene Wenburg, beloved Mother and Grandmother, by Justin, Kili, Selah, and Carter Wenburg.

Flowers are given in memory of Phyllis Glass and Dorothy Christenson.

Today's service will be broadcast

- live on Facebook at 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.



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 take time to

1. mail your donation in,
2. drop by the church and leave your offering in the new locked "tithing box" located on the second brick column under the portico.
3. sign up for electronic fund transfers,
4. 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)	Family of Judy Brown
Jim Duval	Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's Dad)	Alana DeBellis & family
Cheryl Ann Elfond	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	Family of Celia Ganow
Jane Horton	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Jeff Howard
Jim Hahne	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)	Irina Erickson's Mom
Everly Hogan	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's Dad)	Gretchen Lainson
Janet Schawang	Family of Georga Ochsner	Jim Harrenstein
		Family of Ben 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.



Welcome to the newest member of our FPC Family! Ross and Melissa Struss officially joined the First Presbyterian Church family as members in February, but they have been participating in the life of the church for a year. Ross works at Hastings College in the office of marketing and communications and Melissa works at IdeaBank marketing.

Their firstborn, Jeremy Ryan Struss, was born 5/4/20. He weighed in at 8lbs even and was 21.5 inches. Mom and baby are both doing well!

We are doing a **Meal Train** twice a week for a month to help keep them well-fed as they adjust to being first time parents. <https://mealtrain.com/4lqmd2>

What a joy to celebrate a new birth in the midst of the craziness of our world.

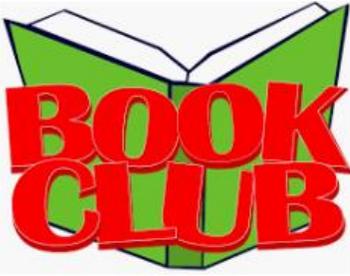
In Memory of

- ♥ *Georga Ochsner*, who passed away April 17, 2020. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be given to First Presbyterian Church. Cards and memorials may be sent to Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home.
- ♥ *Judy Brown*, who passed away April 18, 2020. A private family graveside service was held at Hanover Presbyterian Churchyard Cemetery, Glenvil, with Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett officiating. Memorials may be given to Nebraska Foundation for the Blind. Cards and memorials may be sent to Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home.
- ♥ *Ben Ore*, who passed away April 21, 2020. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church.

This Week at FPC --- May 11 – May 17, 2020

Session has voted to suspend all in-person meetings through May 31 for the safety of our congregation and staff and 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.

Mon, May 11		“Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via email and social media
Tues, May 12	10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 5:30p-6:30p 6:00p-7:00p	Staff Meeting via ZOOM Conferencing Bible Study via ZOOM Conferencing Congregational Life Meet via ZOOM Conferencing Trustees Meet via ZOOM Conferencing
Wed, May 13	7:00a-8:00a 9:30a-10:30p	Bible at Breakfast via ZOOM Conferencing Hastings College Chapel “Kid’s Corner” Communication from Stephanie Brader Sent via email and social media
Thurs, May 14	4:30p-5:30p 5:00p-6:00p	Global Mission Meeting via ZOOM Conferencing Personnel Committee via ZOOM Conferencing
Fri, May 15		“Friday Feature” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via email and social media
Sat, May 16	9:30a-2:00p	United Harvest
Sun, May 17	10:30a	“Stay at Home” Worship Service



Beginning Wednesday, May 13th at noon. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh will guide a discussion of the book *Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife* by Bart Ehrman.

Plans are to meet during the next 15 weeks, beginning with Zoom Conferencing and modifying interactions as physical distancing recommendations evolve.

Please feel free to obtain a copy of the book from your favorite vendor.

Contact Sharon Brooks, sbbrooks52@gmail.com for more information on how to join the online conversations.

**CLEANING OUT
YOUR CLOSETS??**



The First Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church would love to receive your gently used winter coats for our coat drive that will be held in October.

Coats of all sizes are needed for Men, Women and Children.
(Adult XL and XXL are in high need)



Donations accepted now through October at these Hastings locations:

First Presbyterian Church,
First United Methodist Church, YMCA
and Pershing Orthodontics.

Thank you in advance!!

We are not ready to start collecting coats, but please save them for when we are!



The next Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2020, **has been cancelled.** The new date is pending and will be announced as soon as it is available. 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.



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

Sponsored by:
First United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church

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.

May 16, 2020		
A, B	May park and get number starting	9:45 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting	10:00 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting	10:15 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting	10:30 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting	10:45 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting	11:00 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting	11:15 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	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.



Graduating Seniors, Are you looking for scholarships for college? Did you know First Presbyterian Church has two that are available? The deadline of May 15 is fast approaching. For details and applications, check out the FPC website under the scholarship section.



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.

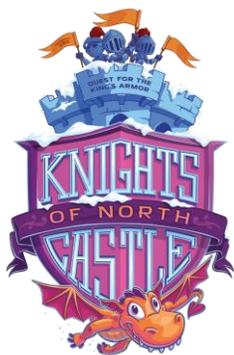
Healthy Beginnings often works with parents that have a history of substance abuse. It is very common for people to think that because of past history, they can't parent. We worked with a couple that both had a history of substance abuse. They worried that they couldn't care for their infant after they both went to rehab. They feared relapsing due to the stress of finances and having a newborn.

Healthy Beginnings has been supporting them not only with their parenting needs but also to live a healthy lifestyle away from drugs. Both the mother and father have remained drug free, are employed, in secure housing, and have learned to enjoy becoming great parents.

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.

Please note: The May PW Circle meetings have been cancelled.



2020 VBS

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, NE

We are sorry to announce that due to the situation with COVID-19 and the safety of our people, the Session has decided to cancel VBS for this year. Although this was a tough decision, it is important to keep all of the kiddo's and volunteers safe. We'll see you next year!

Kid's

CORNER



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/bvMdMT8A8w4>

Link to the activities:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pUoCIL1Bp0UC5i-4VkOq6DKERHyGEOQ3?usp=sharing>

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

Kid's Activity Pages can also be found on the following pages!

The Living Stone and a Chosen People

L P L Q L M J H H U
 V N T X J I I S Z X S K Y U
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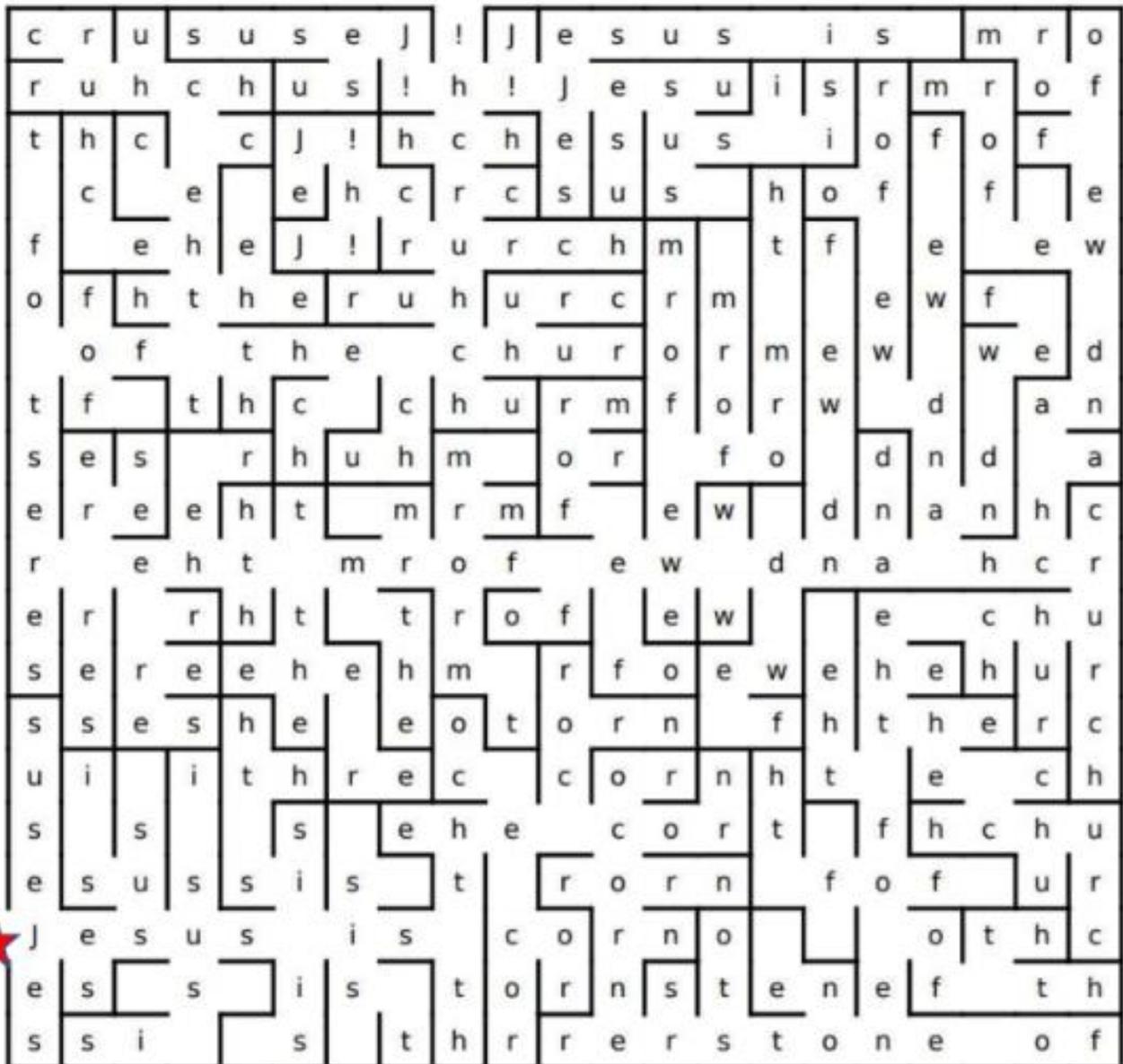
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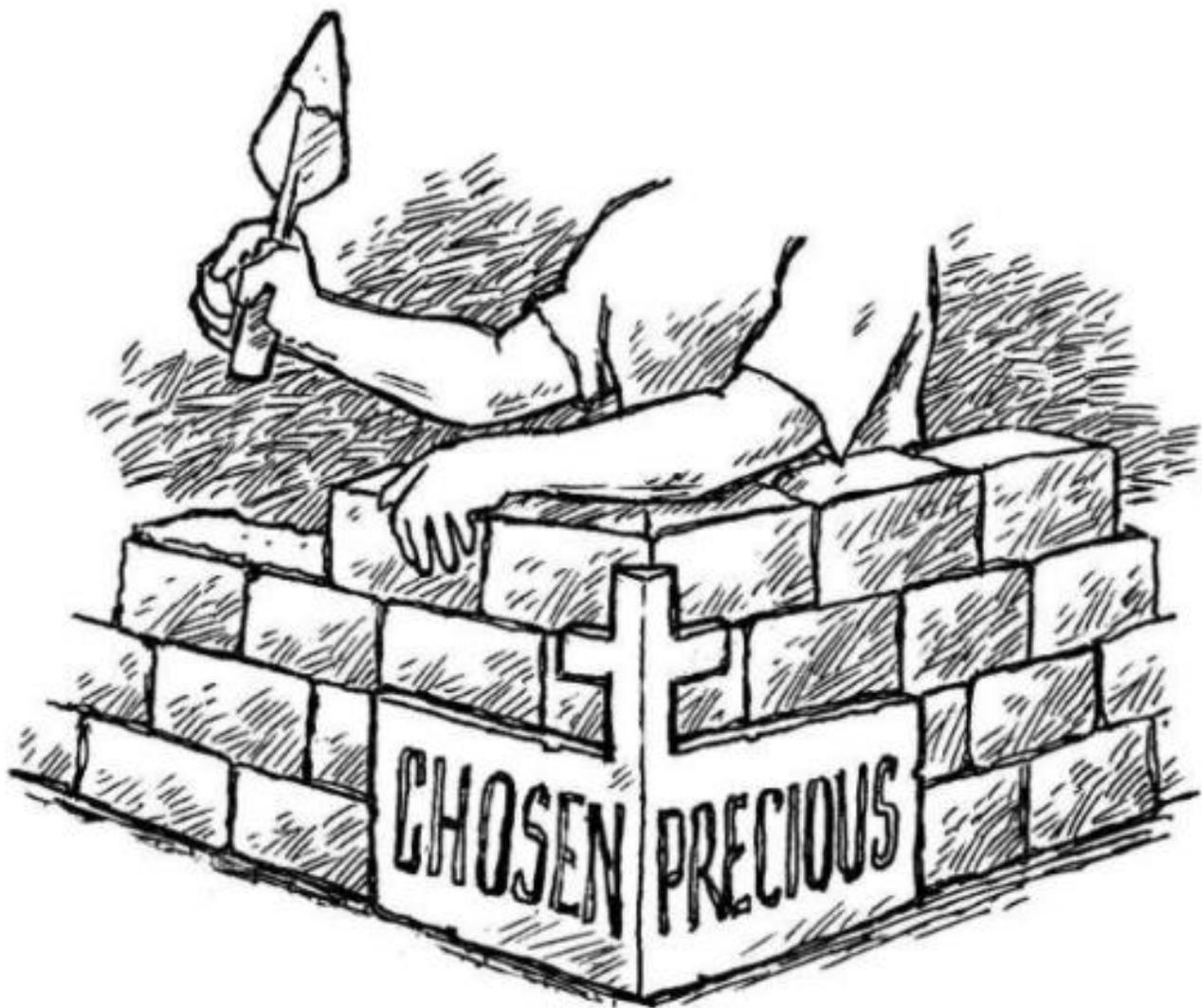
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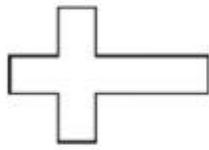
Start at the star and make your way through the maze to discover a message.



like a living stone let yourselves
be built into a spiritual house.

1 Peter 2:5





**LIKE LIVING STONES, LET YOURSELVES BE BUILT
INTO A SPIRITUAL HOUSE, TO BE A HOLY
PRIESTHOOD, TO OFFER SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES
ACCEPTABLE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.**

1 PETER 2: 5

