

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost



August 16, 2020
10:30 AM

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Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

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In-Person Worship TONIGHT: Join us for ~30-minute in-person worship services every other **Sunday at 7:00 PM**. Please bring your own chairs—spots will be marked on the front lawn. Masks must be worn and social distance must be observed. Restricted bathroom usage. At-risk individuals or anyone feeling unwell should not attend. Please use discretion. **Please RSVP [here](#)** so that we can plan for attendance.

St. John's Anti-Racism Committee Book Club Dialogue: Our next book comes in both adult and young adult versions, so choose the version that fits you best. We hope that families will read this book together. The adult book, *Stamped from the Beginning* is by Ibram X. Kendi. The authors of the young adult version titled, *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* are Kendi and Jason Reynolds. The discussion will take place via ZOOM on **Tuesdays, August 18, 25 and September 1 at 5:00 PM**. On **August 18** we'll discuss Parts 1 and 2; on **August 25** we'll discuss Parts 3 and 4; and on **September 1** we'll discuss Part 5 and the Epilogue. Contact the church office if you'd like a copy of the book but can't purchase it yourself. Please RSVP if you plan to join us at staff@stjohnssummit.org.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Please give generously to the emergency fund sponsored by the Summit Interfaith Council to help Summit immigrant neighbors adversely affected by COVID-19. You may make your tax-deductible donation to the Relief Fund [here](#), by either check or PayPal. Checks should be made out to and mailed to Beacon UU Congregation in Summit, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit, NJ 07901.

Zoom Children's Time is on hiatus.

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on both our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

Hymns of Faith is on hiatus.

Worship Live Stream at 10:30 AM on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit or our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>.

Giving Is Important. We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

Prayer Before Worship

Lord Jesus, Son of God, your blessings know no boundaries that faith cannot cross.
Strengthen us to trust in your mercy, reach out for your healing,
and receive your reconciliation. Amen.

From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Vol. 2

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE “Gavotte” from *French Suite No. 5* (BWV 816)

By J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN 857 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High



Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.



I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth



to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,



from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

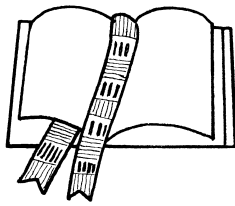
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC SELECTION “Courante Nr. 77” from the *Terpsichore*

By Michael Praetorius
(1571–1621)

Virtual Recorder and Drum Ensembles

SECOND READING Romans 8:12–25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 174 Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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GOSPEL Matthew 15:21–28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY 612 Healer of Our Every Ill

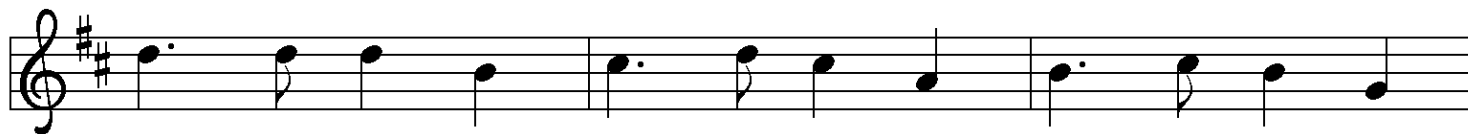
Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, . . . **Hear our prayer. *Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.***

LORD'S PRAYER

And now let us pray as our Savior taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org/giving. You may also contact the church office for more options.

OFFERING MUSIC "Chime Rondo"

By Donna Garzinsky (b. 20th C.)

Virtual Chime Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **O God, we long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference. May it be so, by the presentation of these gifts and the offering of our lives through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us bless the Lord.

Praise and thanks to God.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 588 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Setting of *Healer of Our Every Ill*

By Anne Krentz Organ (b. 1960)

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>

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PRE-READER

Pentecost 11

- Today is the **11th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- During this season, we remember to keep **asking God** for **what we need**.

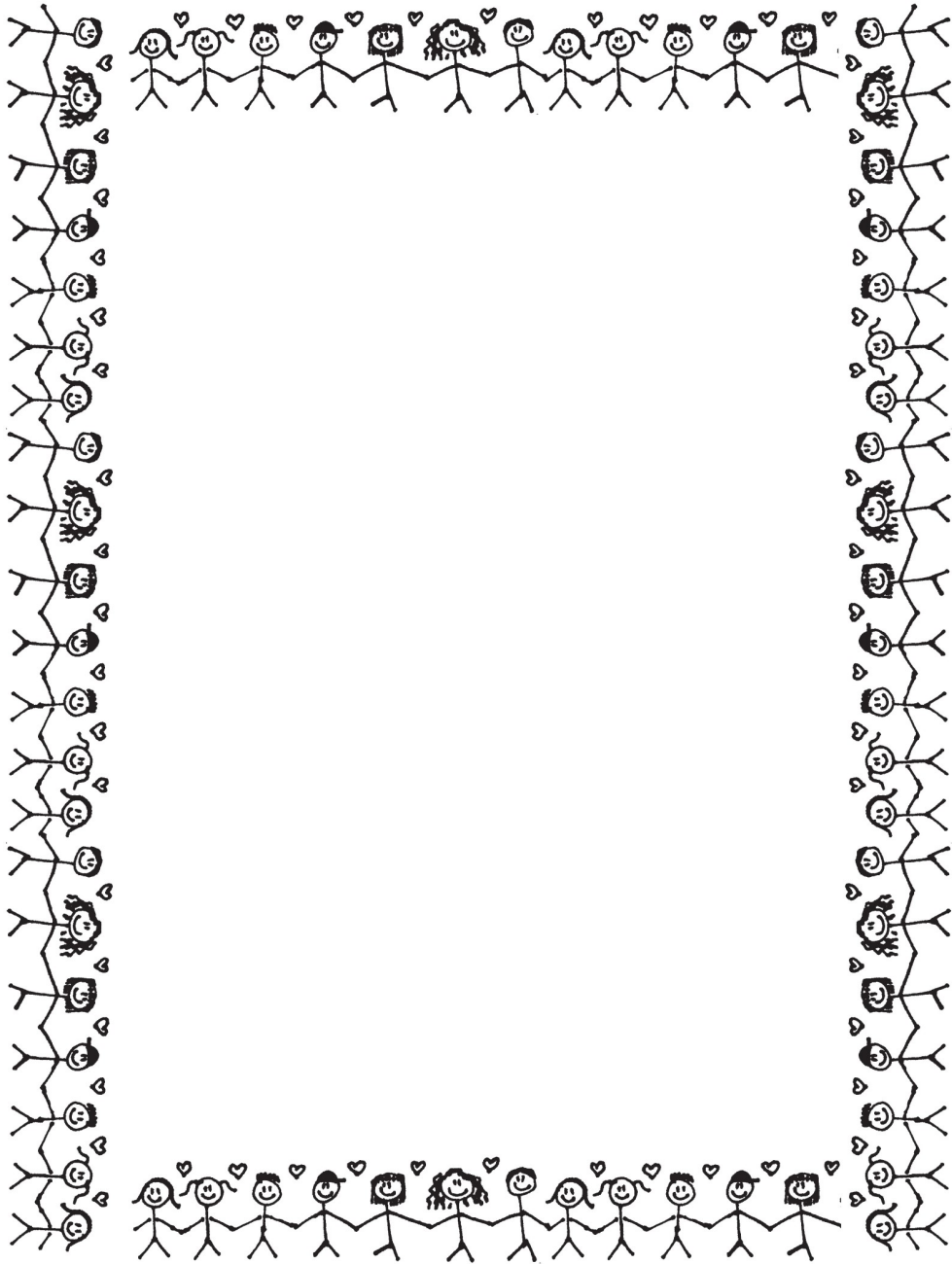
Draw what you need from God inside this symbol for Pentecost.



The Bible is full of stories about families. Paul tells us that he is a member of Benjamin's family.



Draw a picture of your family here!



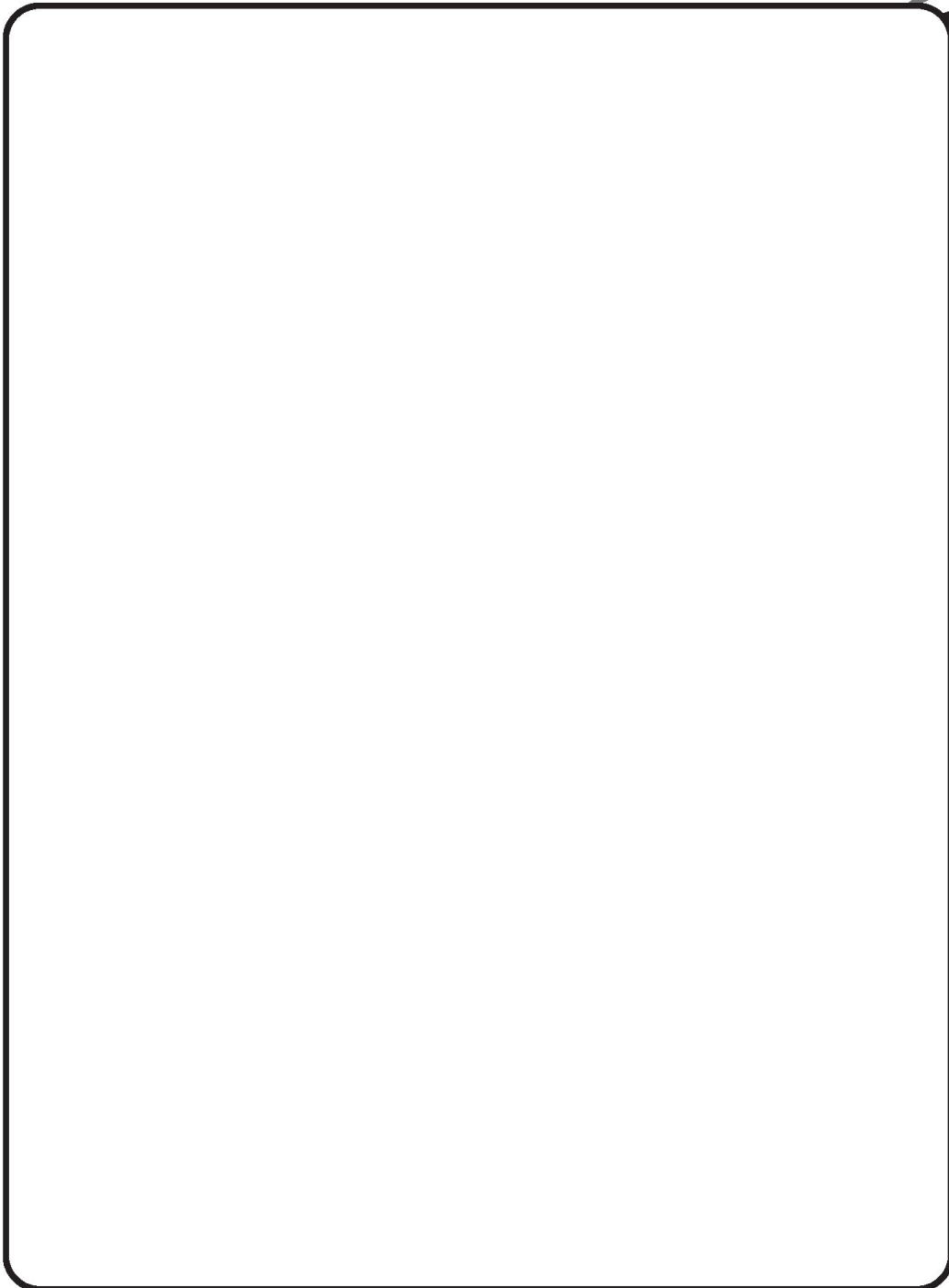


**Jesus said, “You have great faith! I will
heal your daughter.”**



What do you like best about your worship space?

Draw a picture of it here!





READER

Pentecost 11

- Today is the 11th Sunday after Pentecost.
- Pentecost lasts for more than **20 weeks**.
- During such a long season, we can be **persistent** with God.
- Being persistent means to **keep trying** and **keep asking**.

Be Persistent

God wants us to keep asking for the things we need. What do you need from God? Write a prayer inside the symbol for Pentecost.



In the reading from Romans today, Paul tells us that he is a member of the tribe of Benjamin. This is one of the twelve tribes of Israel, the groups of people born from Jacob's twelve sons.

Did You Know?

Here are the other tribes: Asher, Dan, Gad, Issachar, Joseph, Judah, Levi, Naphtali, Reuben, Simeon, and Zebulun.

Family Tree

In Romans, Paul talks about his family and heritage. He is an Israelite, from the tribe of Benjamin.

Who is in your faith family? Who has helped you learn more about God?

Who has taught you about Jesus?

Write or draw about them in this family tree. Draw more branches to fit more faith family members.



The Apostle Paul uses a writing style called **diatribe**. He asks a question. Then he answers it. Look up Romans 11:1 to see an example.

Unscramble the shaded words to complete this week's memory verse.

Memory Verse



Jesus answered her, "Woman, **tegar**
is your **afhit** ! Let it be done for you
as you **swih** ." Matthew 15:28a

Jesus answered her, "Woman, _____ is
your _____! Let it be done for you as you
_____."



Keep Trying

In the Gospel lesson today we learned about being persistent with God. Try to solve this Sudoku math game using your persistence!

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the numbers 1 through 4.

			2
	3		
		1	
4			

Prayers of the People

During worship, we take time to pray for all sorts of things. This time is called the Prayers of the People. We ask God to be with the leaders of our country, for help for the poor, and of healing for the sick. What did you pray about in worship today?

Write or draw about it here:

