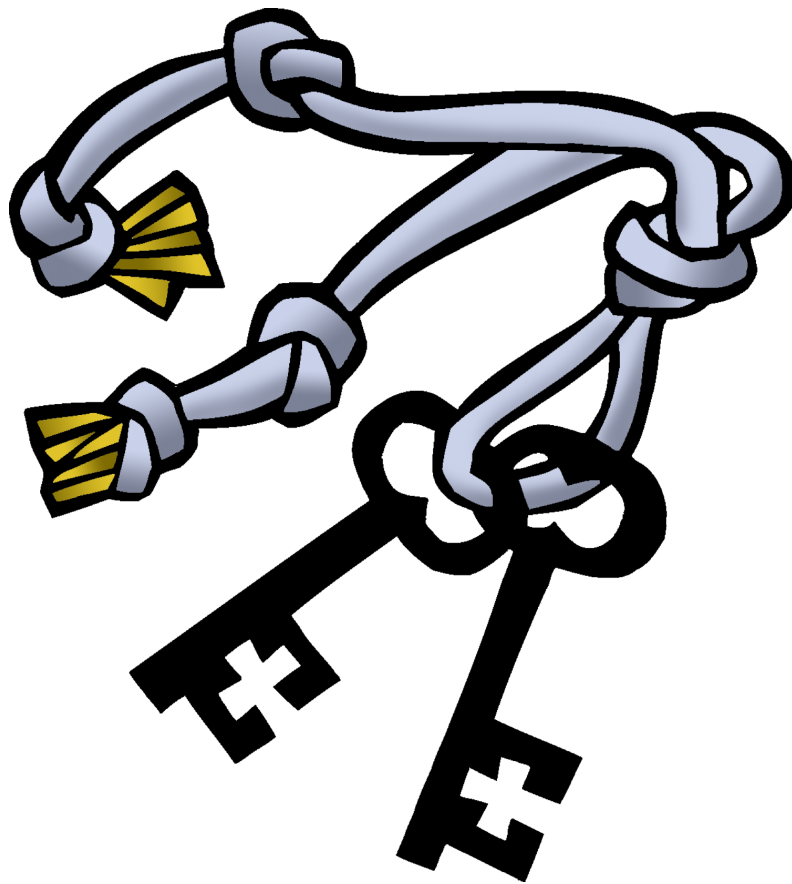


Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost



August 23, 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.

August 23, 2020

In-Person Worship August 30: Join us for ~30-minute in-person worship services every other **Sunday at 7:00 PM**. This service will include the reception of Holy Communion. 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 25 and September 1 at 5:00 PM**. 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. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82859241168>.

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.

Please give blood, Thursday, August 27 from 1:00–7:00 PM at the New Providence Senior Center, 15 East 4th St., New Providence. Please sign up at smarturl.it/NJBS_Drive and use sponsor code 14417.

Zoom Children's Time is on hiatus.

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

Hymns of Faith: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM 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 our God, your name and your word are exalted above everything. We are listening for your word; we are looking for your light. By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our minds and hearts so we may discern your will and respond in faith. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior. 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 “Presto” from Sonata No. 6

By Thomas Arne (1710–1778)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

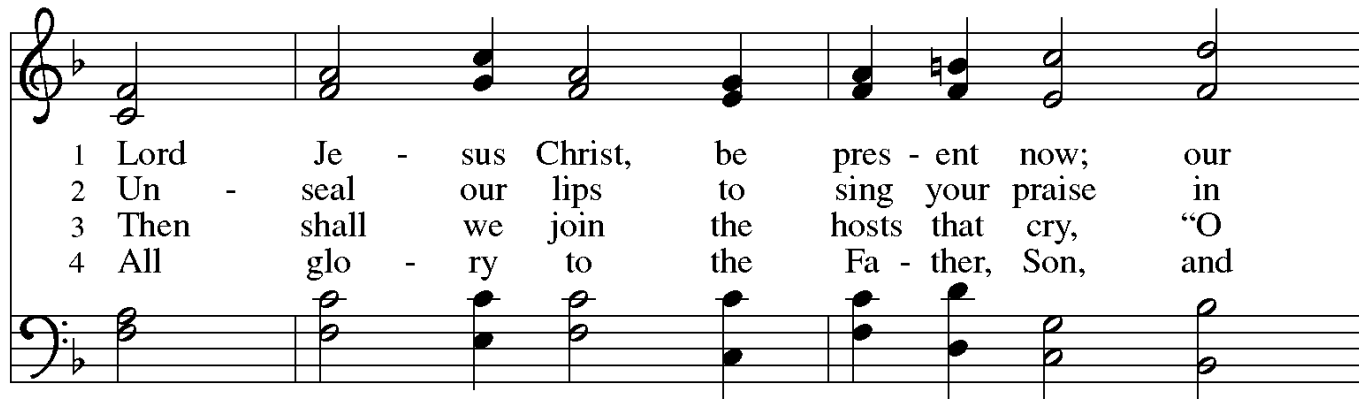
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

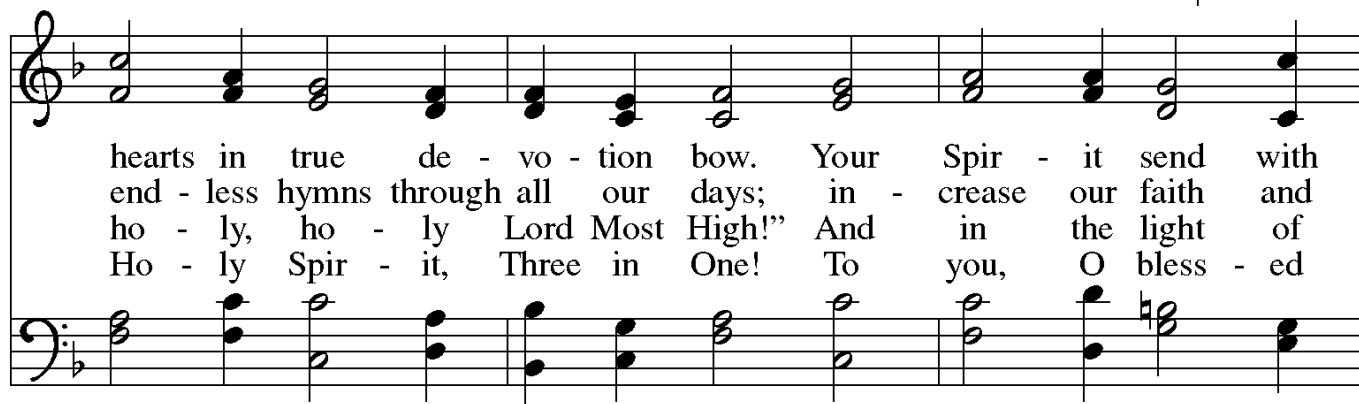
Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your 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 527 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our
2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O
4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and



hearts in true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
end - less hymns through all our days; in - crease our faith and
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



light di - vine, and let your truth with - in us shine.
light our minds; and set us free from doubt that blinds.
that blest place we then shall see you face to face.
Trin - i - ty, be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: attr. Wilhelm II, 1598–1662; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

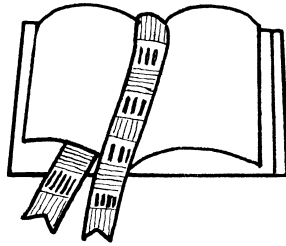
Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND, *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628

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

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Word

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

FIRST READING Isaiah 51:1–6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

SECOND READING Romans 12:1–8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 174 Celtic Alleluia



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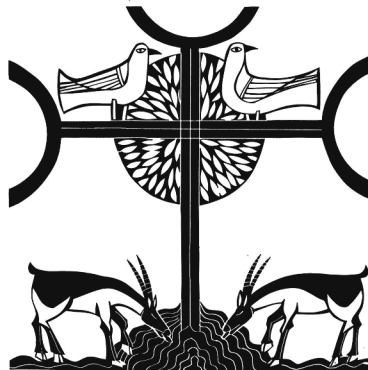
GOSPEL Matthew 16:13–20

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

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.


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

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY 853 When Morning Gilds the Skies

Verses 1, 4 & 5



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries: may
4. Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find: may
5. Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face, sing,
Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall, this
Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round ring
"Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er, to -
rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

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 SOLO “Lord, Make Me an Instrument”

By Jonathan Willcocks (b. 1953)

Johna Miller, soprano

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, may there be union, where there is doubt, faith;
Lord, make me an instrument, Lord, make me an instrument,
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace, Thy peace.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
where there is despair, let there be hope,
where there is darkness, light,
where there is sadness, where there is sadness,
may there be joy, may there be joy, may there be joy! Joy!

Lord, make me an instrument, Lord, make me an instrument,
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace, Thy peace.
May we all be in peace, peace, and only peace,
and may that peace come unto each of us.

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 576 We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Setting of *Laudes Domini*

By Carol Tornquist (b. 20th C.)

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

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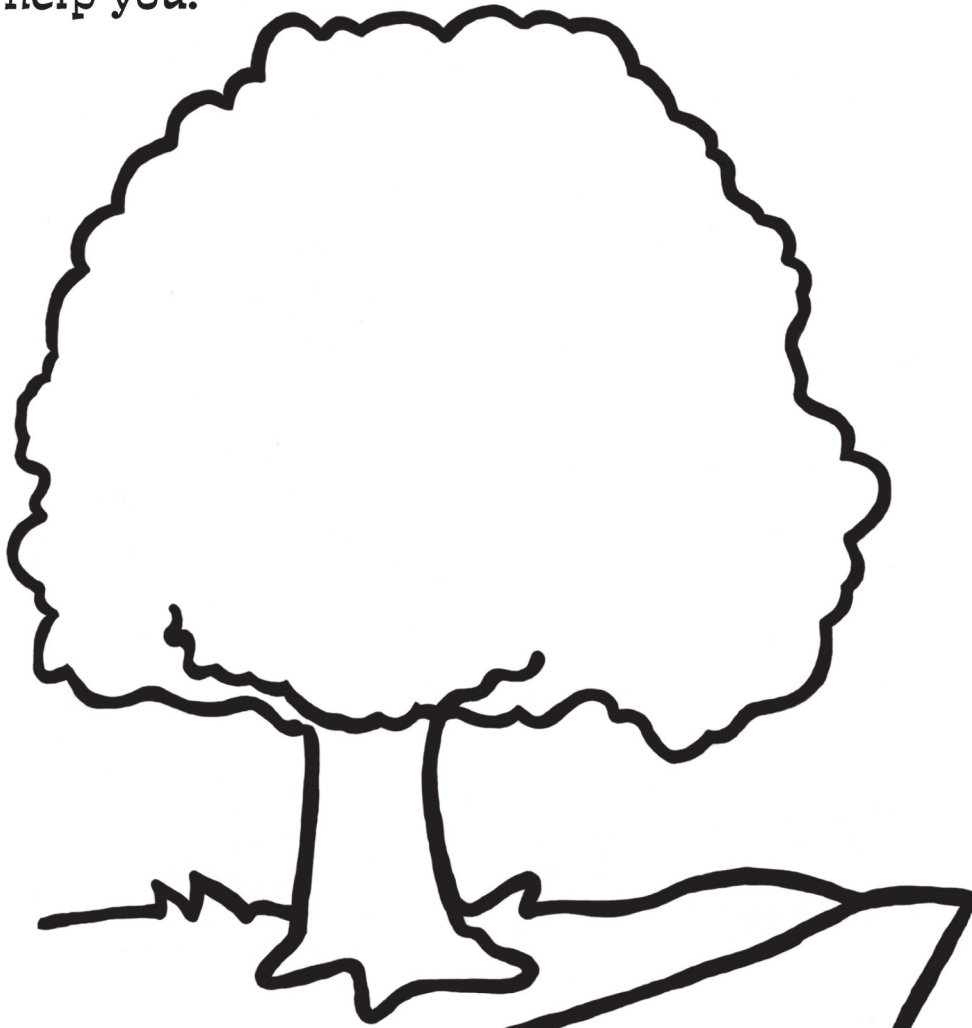


PRE-READER

Pentecost 12

- Today is the **12th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- This season celebrates the **church**.
- The church is a **community** of people who **help each other**.

Inside this tree, draw the people who help you!





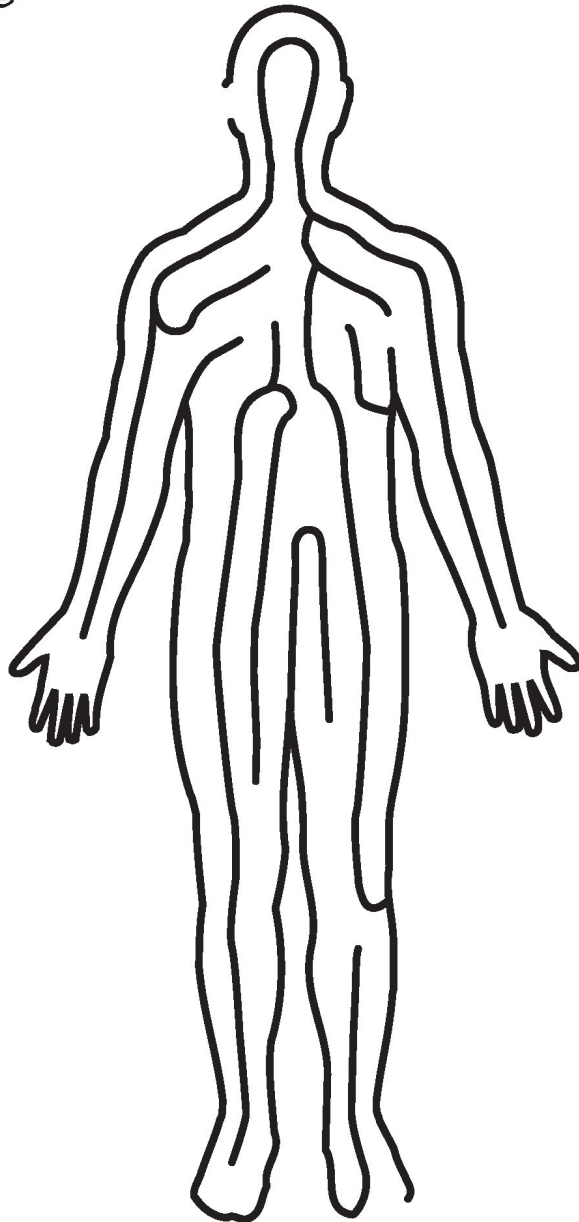
“You’re the one God sent to save the world!”



God wants us to work together with each other, just like parts of a body!

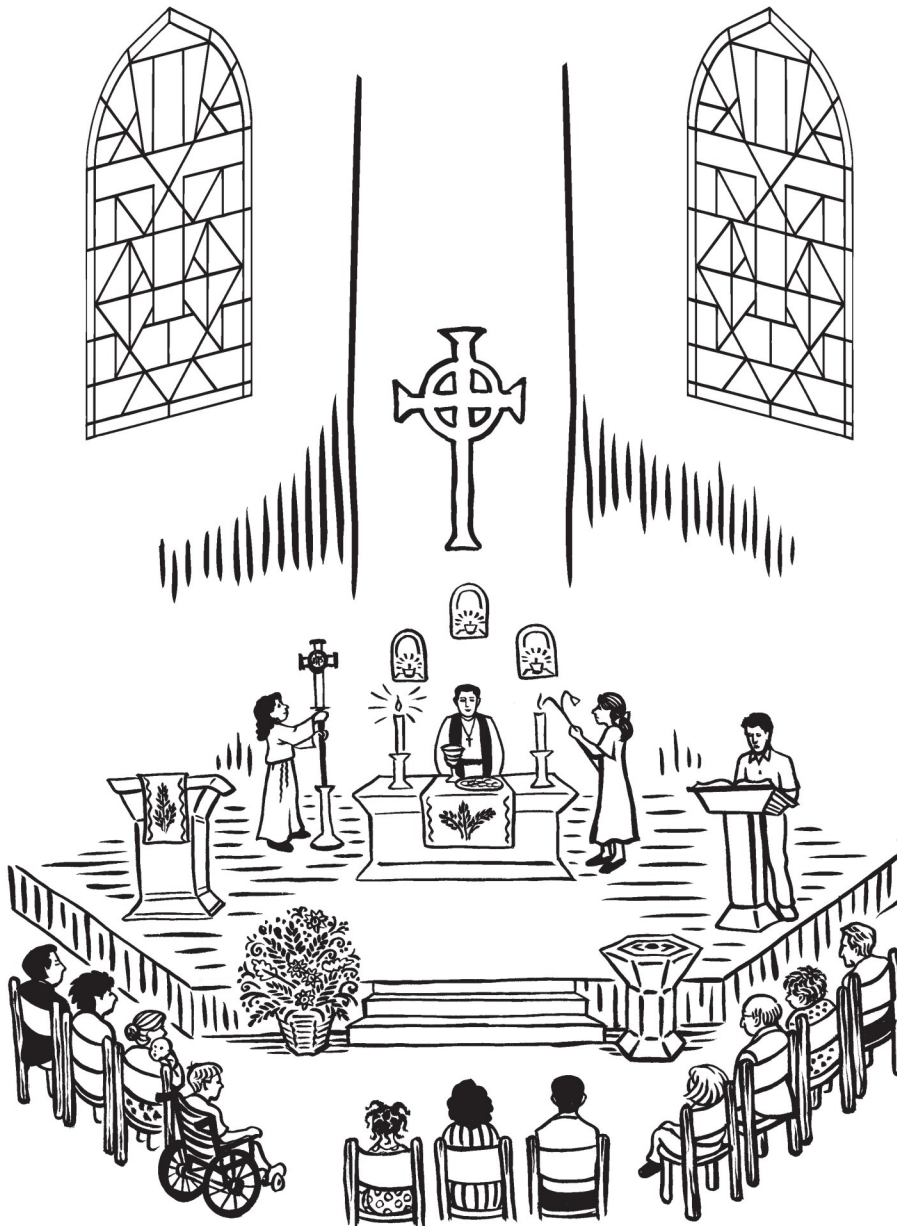


Complete this body maze to help the body work together.



There are many people who help during worship.

Color this picture of all the people who help during worship!





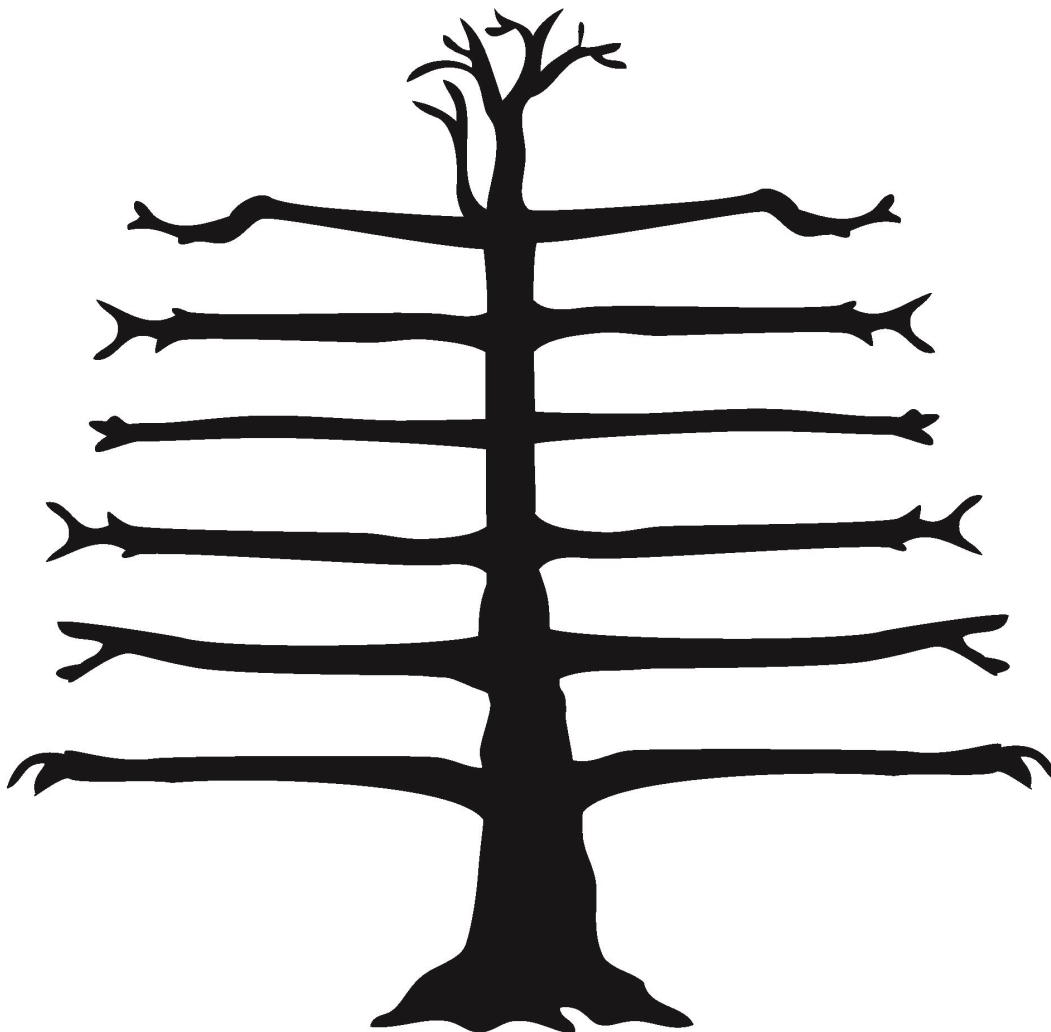
READER

Pentecost 12

- Today is the **12th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- This season is a **celebration** of the church as a **community**.
- Jesus' followers come together to be **part of the church**.

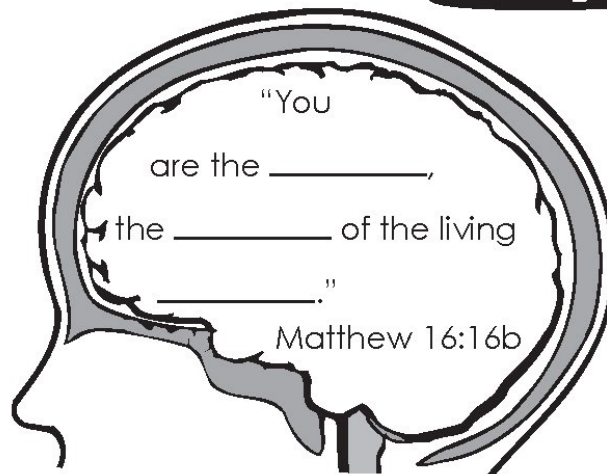
Church Community

Who is a part of your church community? Write their names in the branches of this tree. Remember that we are all connected!



Fill in the blanks to complete this week's memory verse.

Memory Verse



Christ Crossword

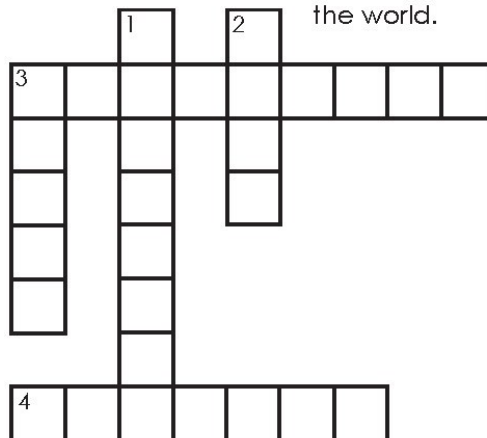
In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "Who do you say that I am?" There are many names for Jesus. Look up the Bible verses to solve the crossword puzzle. Each one contains a name for Jesus!

ACROSS

- John 1:29: here is the _____ who takes away the sin of the world!
- Matthew 3:17: This is my Son the _____.

DOWN

- Matthew 1:23: and they shall name him _____.
- John 1:1: In the beginning was the _____.
- John 8:12: I am the _____ of the world.



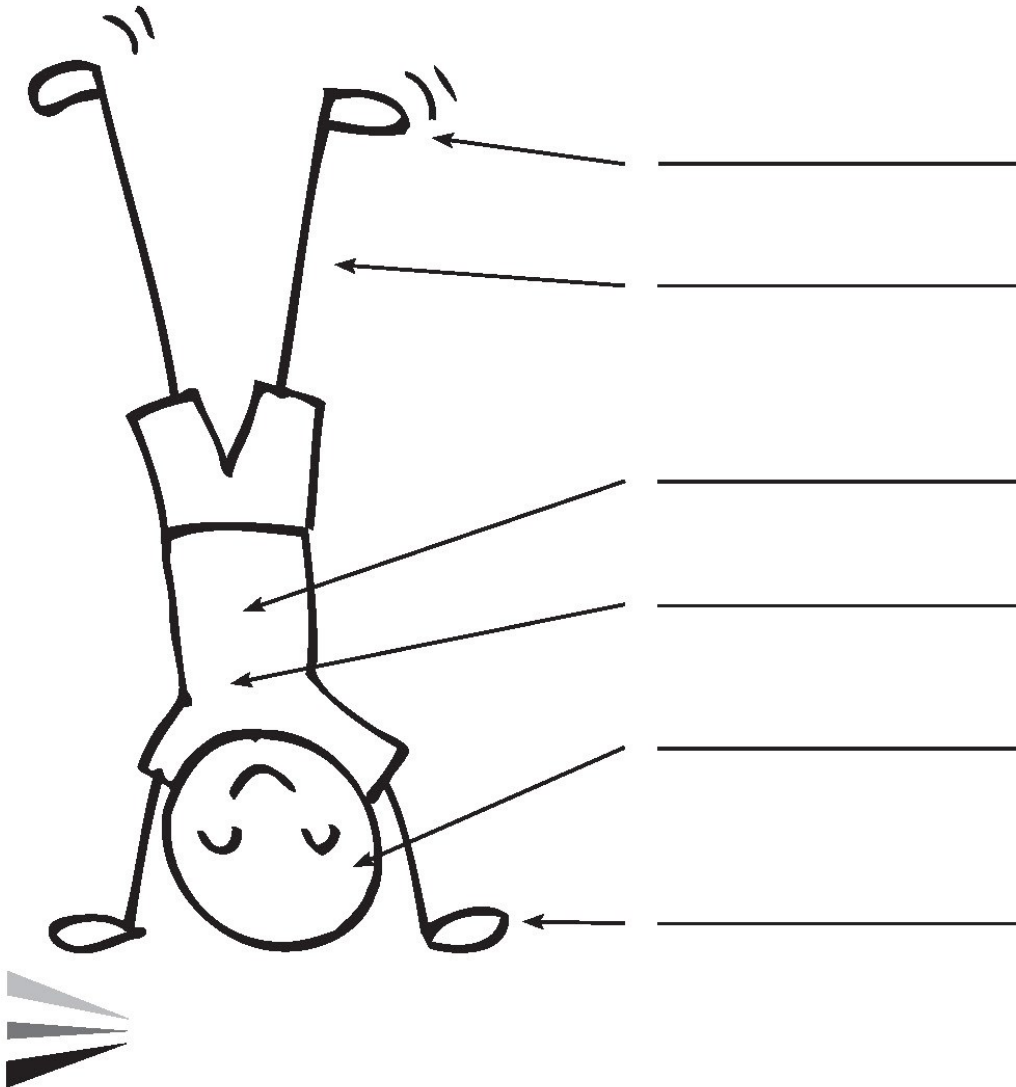


Look It Up!

The Gospel today is about Jesus' identity. Look up Isaiah 9:6 to read some other names for Jesus.

Body Builder

In Romans, Paul tells us to work together with each other like the parts of the body. What does each of these body parts do?



Bible Tip!

How can you find a certain book in your Bible? Look at the Table of Contents in the front of your Bible. You'll find the page number where the book starts.

Name Game

People who help with worship have names that tell what they do. Draw a line from the picture of each worship helper to the name and description that matches.

The acolyte lights candles and helps the pastor.
The crucifer brings the cross into the worship space.
The lector reads from the Bible.

