

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



June 28, 2020
10:30 AM

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or <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ>
Zoom Coffee Hour: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>



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.

Zoom Children's Time is each **Sunday** at **9:30 AM**. Join: <https://zoom.us/j/374109491>.

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

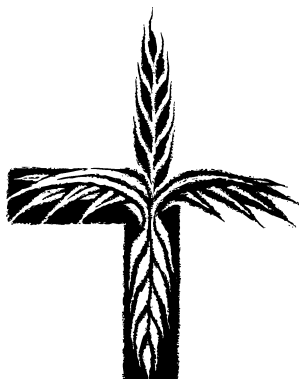
Hymns of Faith: Wednesdays at **10:30 AM**. Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/97268221619>.

Worship Live Stream at 10:30 AM on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit or our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ to see the livestream or access the video archive. **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.

Social Ministry Highlight:

The Community Food Bank of New Jersey, the state's largest anti-hunger and anti-poverty organization, is a vital part of our state's support network at this time. It provided more than 18 million meals to families between March and May, in addition to 70,000 emergency food kits, which are designed to sustain a family for several days. If you wish to support the food bank, a monetary donation is most helpful: visit cfbnj.org/give-funds.



We're delighted you're worshipping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

June 28, 2020 Announcements

Book Study: Join us to study *Grace Will Lead Us Home*. This is the story of how survivors and a community torn apart by racism and violence begin to heal. **Tuesday, 5:00 PM, June 30.** Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89281885352>

Farewell to Norma: Longtime member, Norma Engelhardt, is moving to Florida. We will have a short, socially-distanced service of Godspeed and Farewell in the parking lot **TODAY at 3:00 PM**. Afterward, members are encouraged to drive by and offer personal farewell to Norma here at the church.

Just Mercy: This powerful, true story of racism and redemption is available for free [here](#) through June.

Virtual VBS: Everyone—of ALL ages—is invited to our Virtual VBS! We will be holding a 5-day program on Facebook Live and Zoom, **July 20–24 from 5:00–6:15 PM**. This is completely free and open to all—tell your friends and family. Please register [here](#). We need help, volunteer [here](#).

Hinman Scholarship: We have funds available to support our college students. Access the application [here](#). Applications must be submitted by **August 1** to Linda.Mesenbrink@verizon.net.

Plastic Bag Collection: Due to the pandemic, we are no longer collecting plastic bags.

Need Fair Trade Chocolate, Coffee or Tea? Contact [Jane Bowman](#) to make arrangements.

Old Smartphones: We can use old smartphones that can still record or view videos that you would be willing to lend or donate to the church. Call the church office to arrange a drop-off.

Summer Music: Covid-19 has changed the kinds of music normally offered at St. John's during the summer. Singers and woodwind and brass instrumentalists are welcome to offer "virtual" music or music that you record in your home. Virtual music would be included in prerecorded worship services. String instrumentalists, handbell ringers, and percussionists can participate in offering live music during worship this summer. For more information, contact Donna Garzinsky.

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.

Prayer Before Worship

Loving God, as we hear your Word this day, send your Spirit to equip and inspire us, that your grace-filled hospitality may be the center of our lives. 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 “La Rosette”

By Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

Virtual Recorder & Drum Ensembles

Setting of *Lasset uns mit Jesu ziehen*

By Nancy Raabe (b. 1954)

Andrew Larsen, soprano sax

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 848 Give to Our God Immortal Praise

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

The image shows a three-part musical score for the hymn. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. 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, which end with a double bar line.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

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

READING Romans 6:12–23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
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GOSPEL Matthew 10:40–42

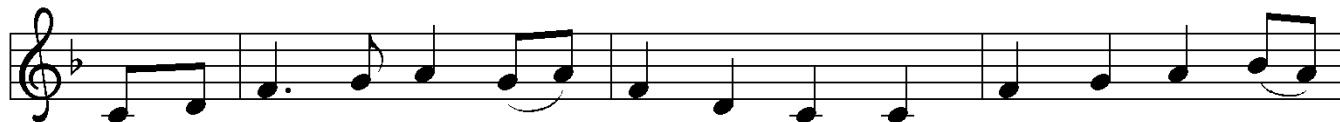
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

SERMON

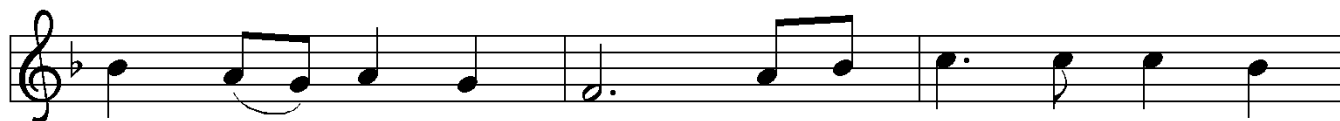
HYMN OF THE DAY 641 All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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.

OFFERTORY “How Great Thou Art”

Text: Carl G. Boberg (1859–1940),
tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine (1899–1999);
Music: Swedish folk tune, adapt. Stuart K. Hine

Pastors and Virtual Adult Choir
verses 1, 3 & 4

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
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how great thou art! How great thou art!

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*
4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” *Refrain*

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 OF GRADUATES AND PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

Life presents us with various significant milestones that set the stage for the next phase in our earthly journey. Graduation is one of these milestones. Dear graduates, we rejoice with you and want you to know of our pride and excitement as you move from this accomplishment into the next phase of your life. We also mark another transition today, as Norma Engelhardt prepares to move and leave our congregation. To all of you, know that wherever you go and whatever you do, we send you with our prayers for God's continued guidance, protection, and strength.

PSALM 121 I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

1. I to the hills will lift my eyes; From whence shall come my aid?
2. God will not let your foot be moved, Your Guard-ian nev-er sleeps;
3. Your faith-ful keep-er is the Lord, Your shel-ter and your shade;
4. From e-vil God will keep you safe, Pro-vide for all you need;

My help is from the Lord a-lone, Who heav'n and earth has made.
God's watch-ful and un-slum-bering care Pro-TECTS and safe-ly keeps.
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, You shall not be a-fraid.
Your go-ing out, your com-ing in, God will for-ev-er lead.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912, alt. 1988 Tune: DUNDEE, *Scottish Psalter*, 1615

At this time of transition, hear these words from holy scripture:

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart. (*Jeremiah 29:11-13*)

Let us pray. Eternal God, we give thanks for your gifts to us: for creating us, for saving us in Christ, for calling us in baptism as your people. Look with love on these your servants and bless them as they complete this season of their lives. By your Spirit, sustain them their whole lives long; and in your lovingkindness, guide them in their journey. Above all else, give them your true peace in their hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

By Peter C. Luktin (1858–1931)

Pastors and Virtual Adult Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace, and give you peace.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious, and be gracious;
the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

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 823 Praise the Lord! O Heavens



1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom-ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Setting of *Two Oaks*

By Ron Schmoltze (b. 20th C.)

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

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READER

Pentecost 4

- Today is the **fourth** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The symbol for Pentecost is a **tree**.
- Trees symbolize **new life and growth**.
- During Pentecost, we celebrate the **growth of the church!**

Look in the Leaves!

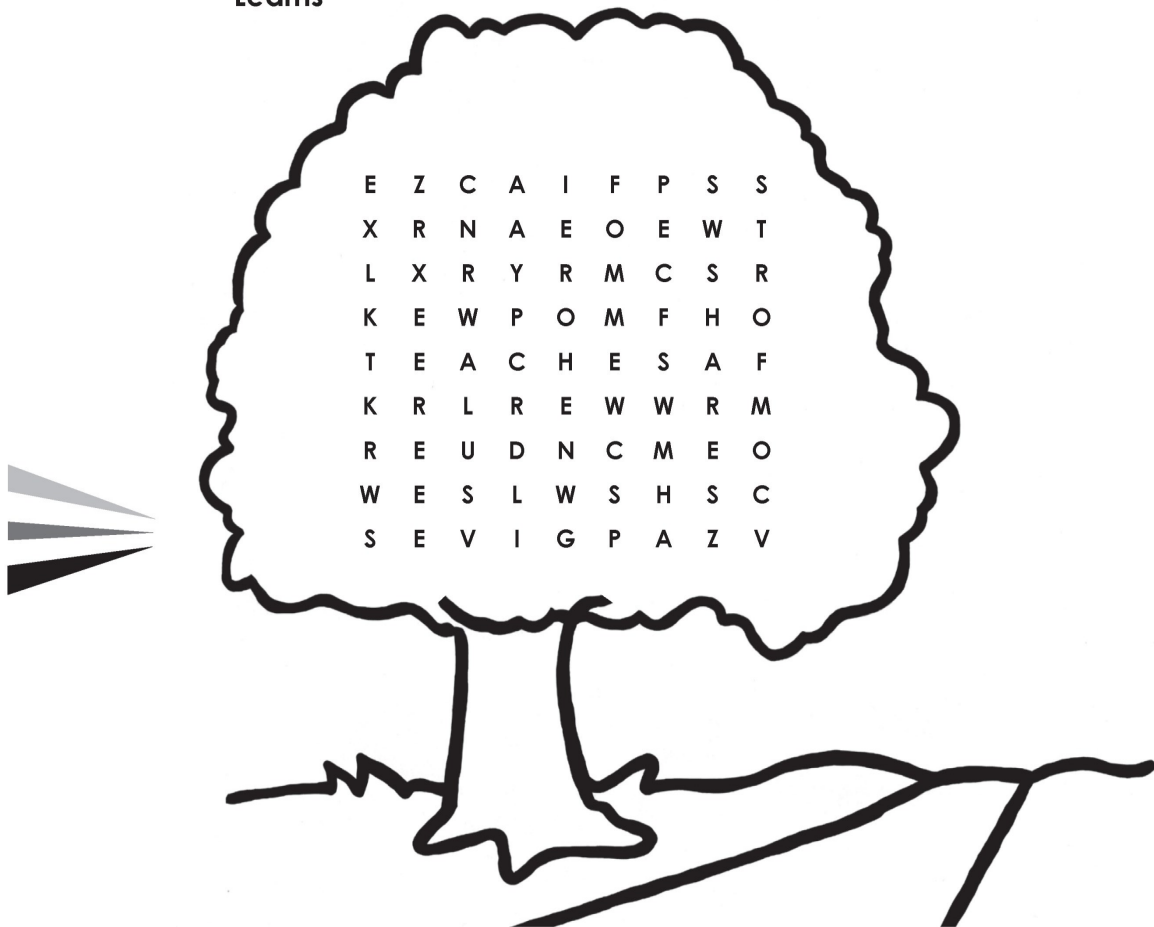
These words tell about ways that your church can grow. Each word can finish this sentence: Our church...

Search for the words inside the tree!

Feeds
Teaches
Learns

Comforts
Shares

Gives
Welcomes





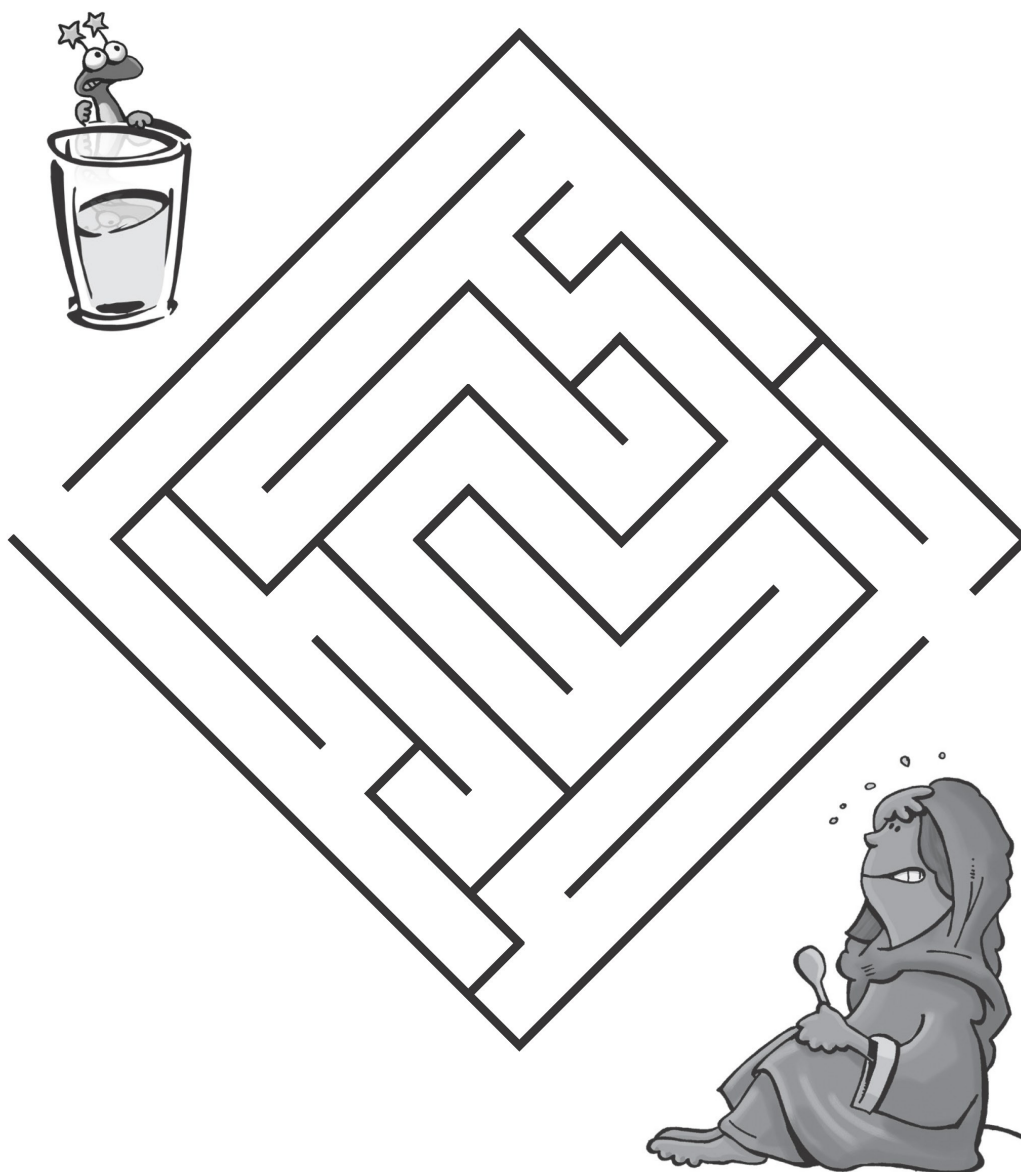
“Share a cup of water with someone who needs it!”



This week, Jesus tells us to be welcoming. One way to be welcoming is to give water to someone who is thirsty.

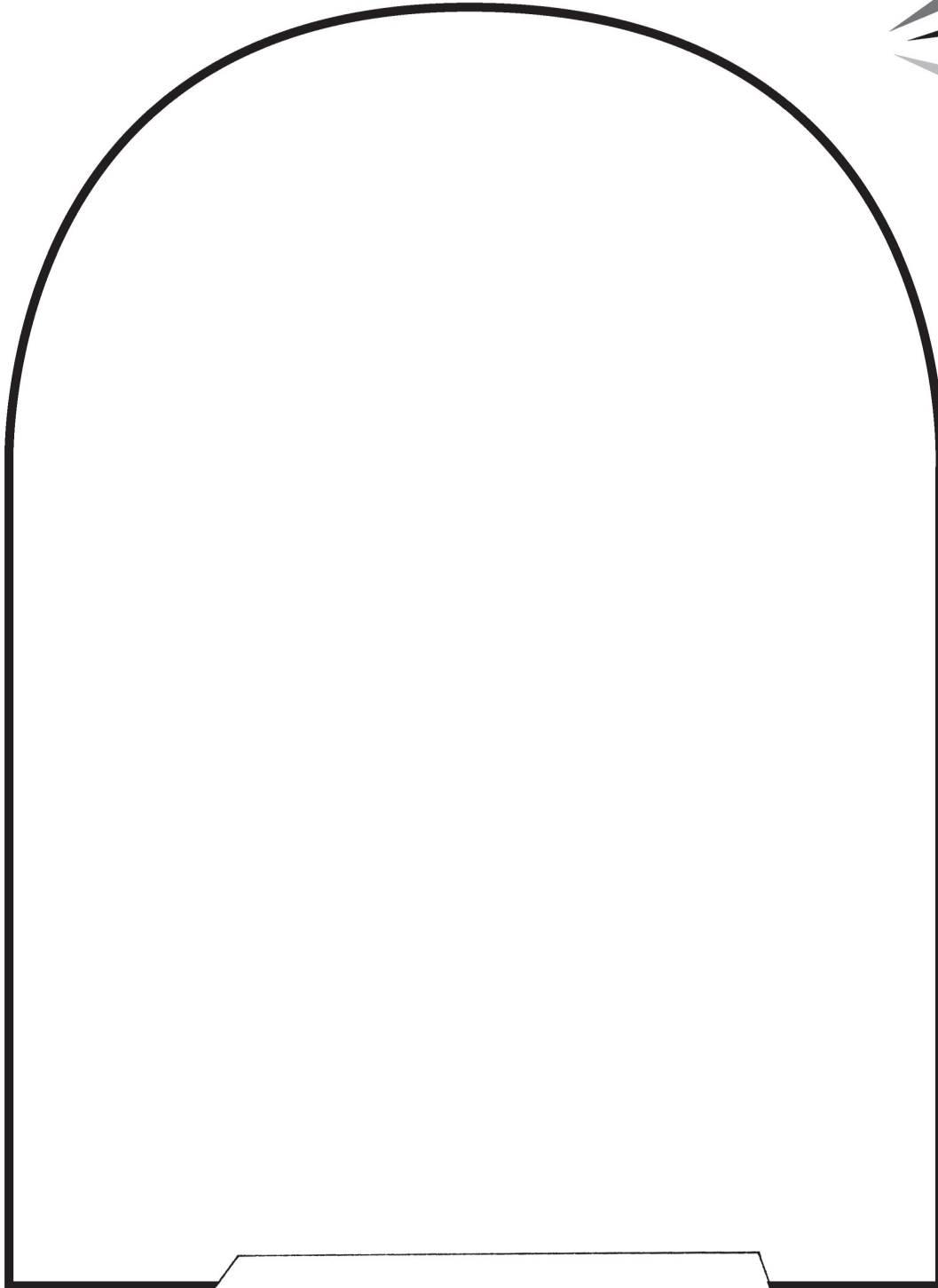


Help Squiggles bring the glass of water to the thirsty person!



A Welcoming Place

What makes you feel welcome in worship? Write or draw about it in this space:



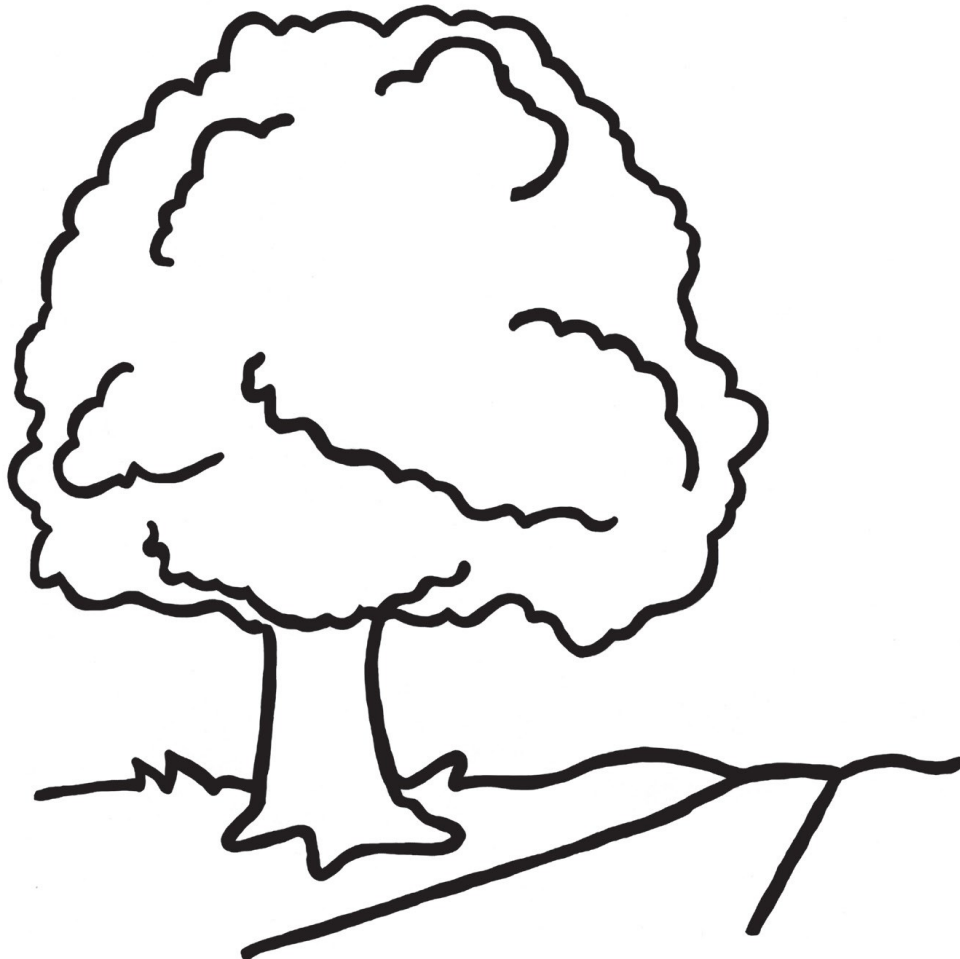


PRE-READER

Pentecost 4

- Today is the **4th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- The **symbol** for Pentecost is a **tree**.
- **Trees** remind us of **new life!**

Draw leaves, fruit, and flowers on the tree to show how it grows.



One of the words from the tree word search on the first page is missing in the memory verse! Look up Matthew 10:40 to fill in the blanks.

Memory Verse

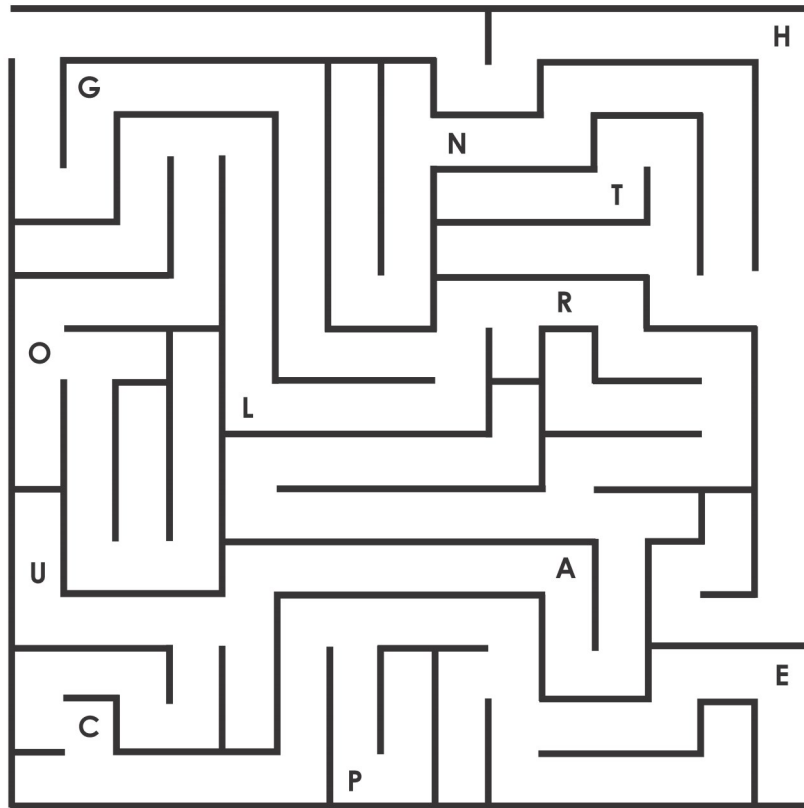


"Whoever _____ you
_____ me, and whoever _____ me
_____ the one who sent me."

Matthew 10:40

God's Gift

Today's reading from the book of Romans talks about God's forgiveness and kindness and love. Paul uses a special word for this. Follow the path through the maze and pick up letters to spell out this word.



Look It Up!

One of the readings for today comes from the book of Romans. Romans is a letter from Paul to the people living in Rome. Look up Romans 1:1-7 to read the start of this letter.

What's the Word?

Listen to the Gospel story. One word describes the Gospel message. Use the picture clues to help you fill in the blanks and complete the sentences.



_____ in the baptismal font welcomes us into God's family.



_____ welcomes us to talk to God.



_____ in our church family welcomes us to worship together.



_____ welcome us to think of the light of Jesus.



God's _____ teaches us about God's welcoming love.



_____ welcomes us to sing to God.



_____ are all welcome in God's church!



Bible Tip!

Want to know more about the book of the Bible you are reading? Take a look at the introduction to each book in the Spark Bible!

Green is the color for Pentecost.

Do you see any green in your worship space today? Circle the things that are usually green.

