

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE FOR ORGAN**

Fantasy in C [op. 16]: i. Poco lento

César Franck (1822-1890)

**WELCOME**

Pastor: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PEALING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*Unto you...*

*not unto our pet projects,  
not unto our favorite charity or passion,  
not even simply unto each other...*

*Unto you... may our hearts be open;  
we are yours; be our God – yet again.*

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: This is the Good News – the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

**People: This is the Good News – once we were no people, now we are God's people.**

Pastor: This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

**People: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.**

Pastor: Let us worship God!

**\* HYMN** (*see page 7*)

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

*Transformation*

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR CECILIA FRANCES BRUCE**

*(Please refrain from taking photographs.)*

**STATEMENT ON BAPTISM**

**PRESENTATION**

**QUESTIONS TO THE GODPARENTS**

**QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS**

**QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION**

**Deacon:** Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Cece by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his Church?

**We do.**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** (*congregation standing*)

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, almighty God, creator of the universe, ruler of heaven and earth. You are the source of light and life for all creation. In your goodness you give us the sign of water.

**People: At the beginning, your Spirit was at work, brooding over the waters of creation's birth, bringing forth life in all its fullness. Through the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.**

Pastor: In the time of Noah, you cleansed the earth through the waters of the flood. By the pillar of cloud and fire you led Israel through the waters of the Red Sea out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

**People: In the waters of the river Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Holy Spirit. He is the never-failing spring who has promised that all who thirst can come to the living water.**

Pastor: By the baptism of his own death and resurrection he set us free from bondage to sin and death and opened to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

**People: We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it. Raise them to new life, and graft them to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Cece, that she may have the power to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ.

**People: To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

### GIVING OF THE LIGHT

Leader: Receive the light of Christ; you have passed from darkness into light.

**People: You have been enlightened with Christ; walk always as children of the light.**

### FIRST READING:

[1 John 3:1-3](#)

Gary Gibson, layreader

*after each reading:*

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING:

[Acts 3:1-10](#)

### MUSIC FOR SOLO VOICE AND ORGAN

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Ryan Capozzo, tenor  
Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975)

Jesus, the very thought of thee  
with sweetness fills my breast;  
but sweeter far thy face to see,  
and in thy presence rest.

O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
to those who fall, how kind thou art,  
how good to those who seek!

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
nor can the memory find  
a sweeter sound than thy blest name,  
O Savior of mankind.

But what to those who find? ah, this  
nor tongue nor pen can show;  
the love of Jesus, what it is  
none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

*-attr. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153);  
transl. Edward Caswall, 1866; alt.*

### THIRD READING:

[Acts 3:11-20](#)

### SERMON

"The End of the Circle"

Rev. Love

### 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.**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING** (Go to website <https://ryepc.com/give/> or see below to give online.)

\* **HYMN** (see page 8)

Because You Live, O Christ

Vruechten

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN**

Praeludium in G Major [BuxWV 147]

Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

*\*indicates standing for those who are able.*

*Following the conclusion of the postlude, online participants will be given the opportunity to unmute themselves and to greet one another.*

*Welcome to Rye Presbyterian Church*

If you are new to Rye Presbyterian Church, we welcome you and hope you are enriched and inspired by this time of worship. So that we may get to know you better, or if you would like more information, please go to: <https://ryepc.com/im-new/> and fill out the Welcome Form.

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God.*

*This morning the Sacrament of Baptism is being administered to  
Cecelia Frances Bruce, daughter of Cally and Will Bruce*

**To families with young children:**

Welcome! We are glad you're here! Jesus not only welcomed children, he also blessed them. Know that your children's presence in worship is both welcomed and a blessing to us all!

Here are some ideas to help make the most out of worship as a family:

- ❖ Please make sure to register to attend worship each week so we know how many from your family will be attending.
- ❖ Bring crayons or colored pencils from home so your children can color the provided coloring pages and illustrated children's bulletins. It might also be helpful to bring a hard surface (a book or clipboard) for them to use while coloring.
- ❖ Explain what is happening during worship and what is coming next. Let children cross things off in the bulletin as they happen. Whispering is okay!
- ❖ When it's time to stand, allow children to kneel on the pews if they would like.
- ❖ Allow children to participate in the offering by putting in your envelope or putting in their own gift in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. A picture drawn for God is appropriate!

Most importantly, relax and be at peace. We know that God made children to be full of energy and excitement!

**TODAY**

New Member Discussions, 11:15 a.m., via Zoom

Confirmation Full Class, 5:00 p.m., via Zoom

High School Youth Group, 6:00 p.m., Assembly Room

**VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL**



**This Sunday, April 18**, we will focus on our sense of awe when we're in the midst of creation and also our amazement when God helps us when we feel afraid and hopeless!

Each Sunday we will start off together at 9:00 a.m. to introduce the theme. Then we will split into two breakout rooms based on age (PreK-2nd and 3rd-5th) for discussion and activities. If you would like your child(ren) to participate via Zoom, please fill out the registration form on our website <https://ryepc.com/ministries/children/>.

Families are also invited to join us in reflecting on God's creation at home! This curriculum comes with its own Family Devotions, consisting of wondering questions, coloring sheets & story cards, a family activity, and a prayer. If you would like to receive these materials and are not already signed up for our weekly Christian Ed newsletter, please contact Rev. JP ([jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com)).

**NEW MEMBER WELCOME DISCUSSIONS – TODAY, April 18**

All those who are interested in finding out more about what it means to be a member of Rye Presbyterian Church are invited to take part in the New Member classes. There is a class today, April 18, at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom. Anyone wishing to join today's class, please contact Rev. Dan Love ([dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com)).

**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

## THIS WEEK

### Monday, April 19

9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Discussion, via Zoom – contact Dan Love ([dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com))

### Tuesday, April 20

9:50 a.m. 3 Ts, via Zoom – contact Contact: Nancy Steed ([steadheart@aol.com](mailto:steadheart@aol.com)) or Jane Mickatavage ([swingramm@aol.com](mailto:swingramm@aol.com)).  
3:30 p.m. Children's Choir, via Zoom

### Wednesday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Women's Discipleship, via Zoom – contact Alicia Baldwin ([alicia.baldwin@verizon.net](mailto:alicia.baldwin@verizon.net)) or Courtney Bennett ([courtneybennett91@gmail.com](mailto:courtneybennett91@gmail.com)) for the link.  
5:30 p.m. Connection, Assembly Room & Great Lawn  
7:30 p.m. Deacons, via Zoom

### Thursday, April 22

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop, outdoors, *weather permitting*  
6:30 p.m. Stephen Leaders – Prime Ministers, via Zoom  
7:30 p.m. Adult Education Discussion Group, via Zoom – contact John Miller ([jmiller@ryepc.com](mailto:jmiller@ryepc.com))

### Saturday, April 24

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, via Zoom

### Next Sunday . . .



### CHURCH AND JUSTICE SERVICE

Sunday, April 25, at 10:00 a.m.

This service is led entirely by individuals who have been released from prison, many for 20 years or more, and returned to society to lead positive, productive lives giving back to the community. For 27 years, this service has been a highlight of the church calendar, bringing together in worship men and women of many faiths and backgrounds. Come and join us as we honor God and one another.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### VIDEO REFLECTIONS ON OUR JOURNEY

It has been a long journey since we began the pandemic over a year ago. Now, as we begin to regather as a community, here's an idea to help us catch up and reconnect. We would love for you to tell us about your experience during this last year.

- Any takeaways you would like to share?
- What was the hardest part for you?
- What things from this year would you like to hold onto in the days ahead?
- What are you most looking forward to as the world opens up, and as you come back to church?

We would like to invite members of the congregation to share your answers to these questions and others in an informal sit down conversation as we talk about the experience of navigating this past year. These "interviews" will be videoed so that they can be shared with others in the church. Through the process of sharing our stories with one another, our congregation will have the opportunity to acknowledge and share with one another the good, and the not-so-good of this time apart. To learn more about this project contact Megan Darrell at [megdarrell@gmail.com](mailto:megdarrell@gmail.com).

### E-MAIL PRAYER GROUP

Our e-mail prayer group is going strong. Please join us in our ministry of prayer for others. Or if you have a prayer request, please do not hesitate to contact [rpcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:rpcprayers@gmail.com).



**WEEKDAY HOURS:** The church is open 10-2, Monday through Friday. Only one door will be open - the door facing Parsons Street near the Assembly Room. If you need access to the building at some other time during the day, please contact the church office at 967-0842, or at [rpc@ryepc.com](mailto:rpc@ryepc.com). If you do come to the church, please take careful note of the guidelines that are in place so that we may all safely use the church building together:

(<https://ryepc.com/article/weekday-reopening-of-rye-presbyterian/>).

### ONLINE GIVING

Online donation options are available on the RPC Website Giving page ([ryepc.com/give/](https://ryepc.com/give/)), or you may scan the QR Code to the right with your cell phone.



**Zelle** We can also accept your donations with Zelle from your mobile banking app.

Please contact the church office to register with us first.

Contact Maida Robinson at 914-967-0842 or email [mrobinson@ryepc.com](mailto:mrobinson@ryepc.com), if you have any questions.

*Many thanks for your continued generosity and support of the church!*



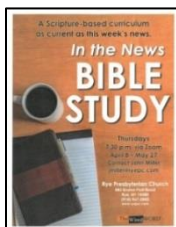
### SARAH & ABRAHAM

Our new stained glass window has at long last been installed! If you haven't had a chance to make a donation toward this project, all gifts are welcome, no matter the size. If every household gave \$150, it would be fully paid for. In addition, one generous family is matching all gifts toward the window.

- To learn more about the window or to make a gift online, [click here](#).
- If you'd prefer to send in a check, please just note 'new window' in the memo line on your check.

### CONNECTION & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Both our middle school Connection and High School Youth Group are meeting with a mix of Zoom and in-person gatherings! Please visit the "Youth Ministry" page of the website – <https://ryepc.com/ministries/youth/> - to get a glimpse of what our youth are up to this year.



### Adult Education Thursday Night Discussion

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom – through May 27

We will be using **The Wired Word** adult Bible study curriculum as our final course of study this **spring**. **This new and unique curriculum takes current events from today's news and relates them to Scripture, as we seek to apply God's word to everyday life. Each week participants will be emailed a news article and related scriptures along with discussion questions in advance of our Thursday evening gathering.** To participate and to receive the emails along with the zoom link, please contact John Miller at [jmiller@ryepc.com](mailto:jmiller@ryepc.com).

### Wednesday Mornings Women's Discipleship Group

8:30-10:00 a.m., Via Zoom

We are currently exploring: *In All Things*, a study of Paul's letter to the Philippians. Please join us at any time!

For details, email either Alicia Baldwin ([alicia.baldwin@verizon.net](mailto:alicia.baldwin@verizon.net)) or Courtney Bennett ([Courtneybennett910@gmail.com](mailto:Courtneybennett910@gmail.com))



### 3 Ts (Third Tuesday at Ten)

3 TS ZOOM GATHERING

Tuesday, April 20, 9:50-11:30 a.m.

For an Interactive and Informative Discussion.

Topic: ETHICAL DILEMMAS

What would you do?

Join us for a thought-provoking, intriguing, and interactive discussion.

If participating, please confirm by Sunday, April 18, so we can send you the link.

Contact: Nancy Steed ([steedheart@aol.com](mailto:steedheart@aol.com)) or Jane Mickatavage ([swingramm@aol.com](mailto:swingramm@aol.com))

# 3Ts

### THRIFT SHOP

### THE RPC THRIFT SHOP (weather permitting)

We will finish our year with outdoor sales in the parking lot on Parsons Street side of the church.

The shop will be open in good weather, Thursdays through June 10, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be open to take donations on Wednesdays (10:00-11:30 am) and Thursdays (10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). Our list of acceptable donations has changed and we ask that you be very patient with us as we have storage limitations at this time.

**We will take the following:** Household goods, china and dinnerware in sets of at least four (we can no longer take single plates and glasses), fine china, all flatware, jewelry, artwork, silver

**We currently cannot take any of the following:** Toys, single glasses, plates, etc., clothes, draperies, electronics, small picture frames, furniture (except very small items.)

If you are uncertain about a donation, please email [ryethrift10580@gmail.com](mailto:ryethrift10580@gmail.com) and we will be happy to answer your questions. As our list of acceptable donations changes, we will be updating on our website.



The Rev. Daniel Love, *Co-Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. John Miller, *Co-Pastor*

The Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall, *Associate Pastor for Christian Education*

Jason Charneski, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lisa Rawson, *Director of Choirs for Children and Youth*

Maida Robinson, *Chief Administrative Officer*

Peggy Berretta, *Administrative Assistant*

Denise LeVan, *Pastoral Assistant*

Juan Velasquez, *Head Sexton/Building Manager*

Alonso Osorio, *Sunday Sexton*

*We are a Stephen Ministry church.*



## The Rye Women's Interfaith Annual Conference

### *Finding Hope in Prayer*

Sunday, April 25, 2021, 2:30pm via ZOOM

Featuring: *Fr. James Martin, SJ*



Fr. Martin will be speaking with us on his newest book:

### **Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone.**

Rev. James Martin, SJ, is a Jesuit priest, editor-at-large of America magazine, consultant to the Vatican's Secretariat for Communications, a New York Times best-selling author, and a frequent commentator in the national and international media. Before entering the Jesuits in 1988 he graduated from the Wharton School of Business.

This event will be presented on Zoom. Registration is required – simply click on the link below. Once you are registered a link to the Zoom event will be sent to the email you provide. Email any questions to: [findinghopeinprayer@gmail.com](mailto:findinghopeinprayer@gmail.com)

This event will be presented on Zoom. Registration is required. If you are interested in attending, please email Marianne Egan at [jfempe@aol.com](mailto:jfempe@aol.com).

In lieu of a fee, please consider making a donation to Caritas of Port Chester, a local soup kitchen and food pantry. Donations can be made on their website at [Caritas PC.org](http://Caritas PC.org) or mail your donation to: Caritas PC, P.O. Box 682, Port Chester, NY 10573.



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# Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

## *Transformation*

1. Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers, Christ has  
 2. Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple whom he  
 3. Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion for - mer  
 4. Christ has ris - en and for ev - er lives to

ris - en where hope died, as he said and as he  
 died to love and save; Christ has ris - en for the  
 friends who fear the night, sens - ing loss and lim - i -  
 chal - lenge and to change all whose lives are messed or

prom - ised, as we doubt - ed and de - nied. Let the  
 wom - en bring - ing flowers to grace his grave. Christ has  
 ta - tion where their faith had once burned bright. They be -  
 man - gled, all who find re - li - gion strange. Christ is

moon em - brace the bless - ing; let the sun sus - tain the  
 ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud - dled in an up - stairs  
 moan what is no long - er, they ex - pect no hope - ful  
 ris - en, Christ is pres - ent, mak - ing us what he has

cheer; let the world con - firm the ru - mour: Christ is  
 room. He whose word in - spired cre - a - tion can't be  
 sign till Christ ends their con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing  
 been— ev - i - dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which

ris - en, God is here!  
 si - lenced by the tomb.  
 bread and shar - ing wine.  
 God is known and seen.

Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1988

Music: John L. Bell, 1988

# Because You Live, O Christ

# Vruchten

1 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the gar - den of the world has come to  
 2 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the spir - it bird of hope is freed for  
 3 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the rain-bow of your peace will span cre -

flow - er; the dark-ness of the tomb is flood - ed with your  
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*Refrain*

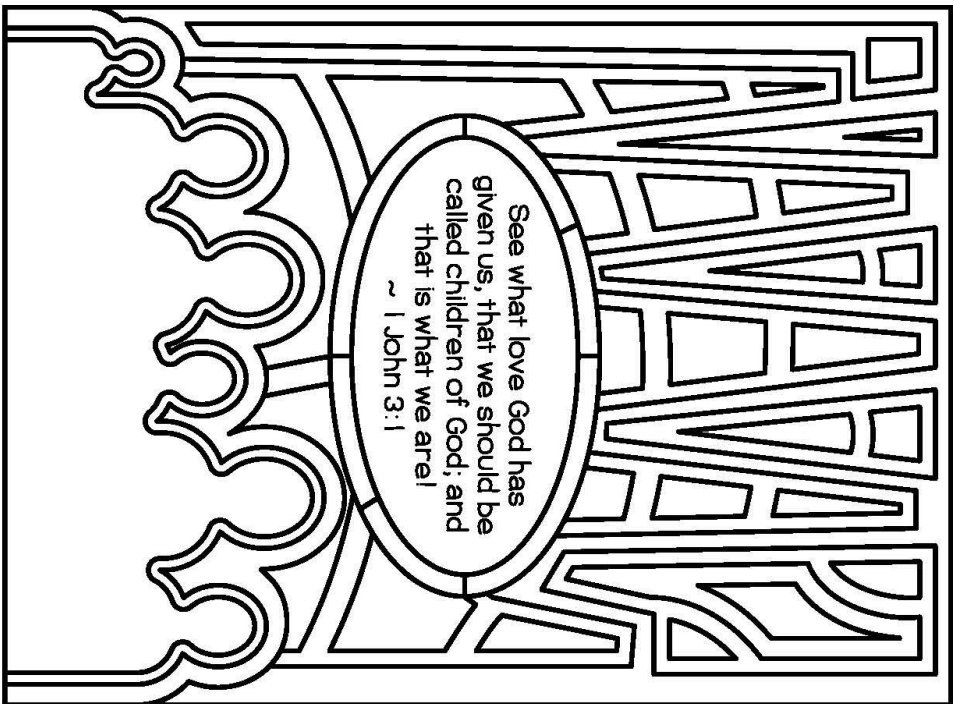
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 closed and life - de - ny - ing. The stone has rolled a - way and death can -  
 kind to ad - o - ra - tion.

not im - pris - on! O sing this Eas - ter day, for Je - sus Christ has

ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en!

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1987  
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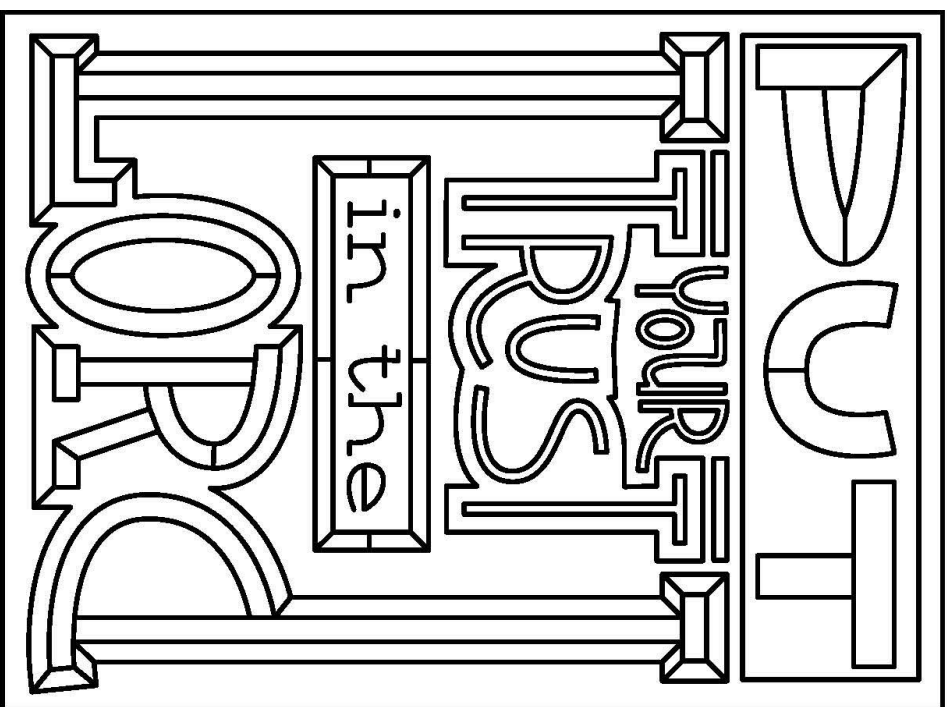




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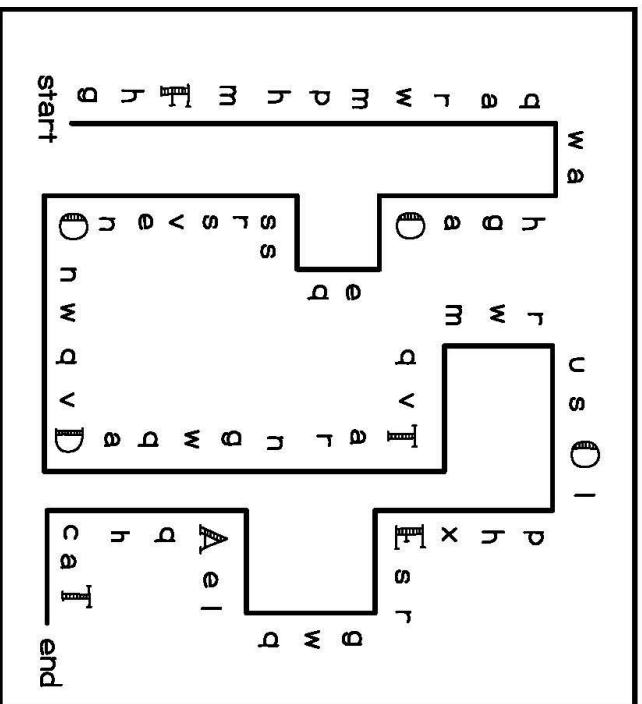
# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 14, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48



# FOLLOW THE PATH

What did Jesus ask the disciples to give him to prove he was truly alive? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see what's spelled out below.



# DRAW IT

When Jesus appeared to the disciples in Luke 24, he showed them his hands and feet, allowing them to touch him and know he was real. Imagine you are there, seeing and touching Jesus. What does it look like?

