

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Prelude in E Minor [BWV 533/i]

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

PEALING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being:
You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless
until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 90:1-6)**

Pastor: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

People: In you, we come home – to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved. We dwell in you.

Pastor: Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

People: In you, we are home – we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice. We dwell in you.

Pastor: Let us worship God.

*** HYMN (see page 6)**

The Lord Is God

Azmon

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT

[Genesis 12:1-5a](#)

Karen Beatty, layreader

after each reading:

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

MUSIC FOR SOLO VOICE AND ORGAN

Though I May Speak

Savannah Bisset, mezzo soprano

English folk melody; arr. Hal H. Hopson, 1972

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.

Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

-Hal H. Hopson, 1972; para. 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3

GOSPEL LESSON

[Matthew 22:34-40](#)

SERMON

"Love in the Time of COVID"

Rev. Love

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Toby King, *Elder*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 (to give or pledge online, go to website ryepc.com/give/ or see below.)

* HYMN (*see page 7*)

How Many Times We Start Again

Forest Green

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN

Praeludium in F Major [BuxWV 144]

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 worship. So that we may get to know you better, or if you would like more information about RPC, please go to: <https://ryepc.com/im-new/> and fill out the Welcome Form. A fall new member class will be held today, October 25 – see information info below.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God.

To families with young children:

Welcome! We are glad you're here!

"Jesus said to them, 'Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children...'" Mark 10:14-16

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.



VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

This **Sunday, October 25**, we'll talk about how Jesus blesses the people who hunger and thirst for a better world - God's kind of world. And part of feeling hungry for something is working for it - doing what we can to make what we hunger for come true!

All children in PreK-5th grade are welcome to join us each Sunday for a combined 30-minute class via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. During each session, we'll catch up with one another and discuss our welcome question. From there, we'll reflect on that morning's theme, offer a blessing to one another, and end our time together with a few discussion questions and a prayer.

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/>

If your children are unable to join us via Zoom, don't worry! We are also including a **Family Page** in our **weekly Christian Ed newsletter** for families to engage Jesus' Beatitudes together at home. **If you would like to receive our newsletter, please contact Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com).**

TODAY

Youth Choir, 11:00 a.m., via Zoom

New Member Welcome Discussion, at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom - Contact Dan Love (dlove@ryepc.com)
(See notice below for further information.)

High School Youth Group Vespers, at 6:00 p.m., Assembly Room and via Zoom
Contact Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com)

TODAY

NEW MEMBER WELCOME DISCUSSIONS

Sunday, October 25, 11:15 a.m., via Zoom

All those who are interested in finding out more about what it means to be a member of the Rye Presbyterian Church are invited to take part in the New Member classes. There is a class today, immediately following worship via Zoom. In this class, we will explore what it means to actively live out our faith together as a part of this particular church. In addition to the Sunday class, for those choosing to join the church, there will be a Zoom meeting with the leadership of the church Sunday evening, November 8, at 7:00 p.m. This is a time to meet the officers of the church and for the Session to meet briefly to approve the new class for church membership. Public welcome and recognition of the new members will take place during worship on Sunday, November 15.

To join in the class today, please contact Dan Love – dlove@ryepc.com.

**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

THIS WEEK

Monday, October 26

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

7:30 p.m. Worship & Music, via Zoom

Wednesday, October 28

8:30 a.m. Women's Discipleship, via Zoom – contact Alicia Baldwin or Courtney Bennett for the link.

7:30 p.m. Session, via Zoom

Thursday, October 29

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop: *Weather Permitting* – Outside only. See notice below.

3:30-4:15 p.m. Children's Choir, via Zoom

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry: Prime Ministers, via Zoom

7:30 p.m. Adult Education, via Zoom – Contact John Miller (jmiller@ryepc.com)

GENERAL NOTICES

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.



WEEKDAY HOURS

The church is open 10-2, Monday through Friday, for private prayer in the Sanctuary and other church business. Only one door will be open for entry - 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. 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/>)

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you'd like to be of service during worship on Sunday mornings, either virtually or in person, please email Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com. We could use help both with in-person ushering; with the running of the live-stream from the sanctuary, and with virtual ushering online.

Excellent training available!

STEWARDSHIP: PLEDGE & ONLINE GIVING

Online pledging and donation options are available on the RPC Website Giving page (ryepc.com/give/).

Stewardship letters were mailed this past week.

Commitment Sunday for 2021 pledges will be November 22.

To donate, you may also scan the QR Code to the right with your cell phone.

Please contact Maida Robinson at mrobinson@ryepc.com, if you have any questions or need assistance.

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



Adult Education is back. Join us for...

THURSDAY REFLECTIONS

Thursdays through January 21, 7:30 p.m.

(not meeting 11/26, 12/24, 12/31)

We meet together on Thursday evenings via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. Our first series will explore some of the basic tenets of our Reformed Faith. This four part series includes 12 articles written by a variety of pastors and theologians. The four themes are:

**Who Is God, Really? Who Are We, Honestly?
What Does God Have To Do With Us? What Do We Have To Do With Each Other?**

The group participants reflect a wide range of beliefs and are very accepting and respectful of all views.

Contact John Miller at jmiller@ryepc.com or 914-967-0842, ex. 14 for Zoom info and articles, which will be sent by email, or USPS if requested.



JOIN THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OR THE YOUTH CHOIR!

CALLING ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 7 AND UP

These choirs are accepting new members and welcoming back old ones for the 2020-2021 school year.

THIS YEAR WE ARE LEARNING AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AND DELVING INTO THE ART OF MUSICAL SIGNING!

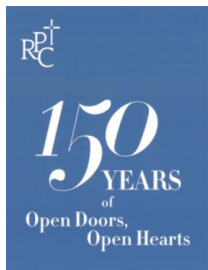
For more information, please contact Lisa Rawson, Director

lrawson@ryepc.com

CONNECTION & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – FALL 2020

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 fall.

While you are there, all middle school and high school youth are invited to fill out our **get-to-know-you form**! This form will help us all stay connected as much as possible during the school year, so please encourage your youth to fill it out.



The Sesquicentennial Service Challenge

2020 marks the sesquicentennial of our sanctuary. 150 years of people coming in and going out through the doors of our beautiful sanctuary. People come in to find their faith strengthened and renewed as we worship together. People then go out in service to the world beyond our doors.

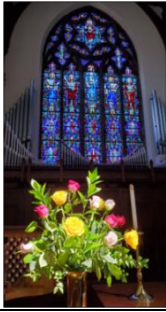
The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to join your fellow disciples of Rye Presbyterian Church in the 2020 Sesquicentennial Service Challenge!

The goal: at least 150 minutes of service from every member for every month of 2020.

Please know that ANY volunteer service you do either with the church or in the community COUNTS. If you are giving the gift of your time, it counts. When logging your minutes, you can group your minutes together. You don't need to log each activity separately. Simply total your minutes and then list, as briefly as possible, what activities you did. The two things we are tracking are total number of minutes (not hours), and the variety of activities that people are involved in as they give the gift of their time by volunteering.

Minutes logged thus far: 357,820

TO LOG YOUR MINUTES, GO TO: <https://ryepc.com/150>



SUNDAY CHANCEL FLOWERS

During this time, you may still make a donation of the Sunday chancel flowers.

Each week beautiful flowers adorn our sanctuary and provide an uplifting reminder of the goodness of God. Please consider honoring the memory of a loved one or recognizing a special occasion for a \$70 donation. The flowers are a blessing to worshippers attending the service live in the sanctuary as well as those attending via ZOOM.

Your donation will be noted in the church bulletin and the weekly email.

To make arrangements, contact Denise LeVan (dlevan@ryepc.com).

Weather Permitting!

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

**Thrift Shop Open (Outside Only)
Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**THRIFT
SHOP**

Fun items for one and all!

Selling Procedures

Please remember, details may change. You can help us stay open by being patient and following the rules.

1. **Parking:** You can park on Parsons St. or in the Pre-School lot (the one down the driveway off Milton Road).
2. **Waiting:** There will be no place to wait before we start selling at 10:00 a.m. - please stay in your cars until then.
3. **New goods will be brought out all morning, so there's no need to get there at the open.** We plan to be intentional about this, because of the need to spread people out.
4. **Masks: Worn properly and social distancing** required at all times, even though you are outside.
5. **Limiting Shoppers:** Our space, across from the High School, will be sectioned off. We reserve the right to limit the number of people at any one time, to protect everyone's safety.
6. **No one will be allowed in the building.**
7. **Donations:** You may drop off one - *and only one* - bag/box of donations on Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thank you, but we are still short on space!



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The Lord Is God

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The Rev. Daniel Love, *Co-Pastor*

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

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

Maida Robinson, *Chief Administrative Officer*

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Denise LeVan, *Pastoral Assistant*

Juan Velasquez, *Head Sexton/Building Manager*

Alonso Osorio, *Sunday Sexton*

We are a Stephen Ministry church.

The Lord Is God

Azmon



1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise



to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.
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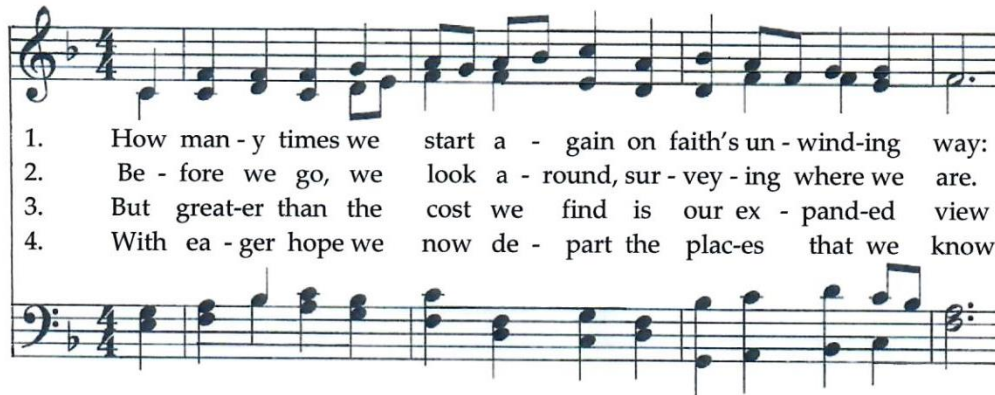


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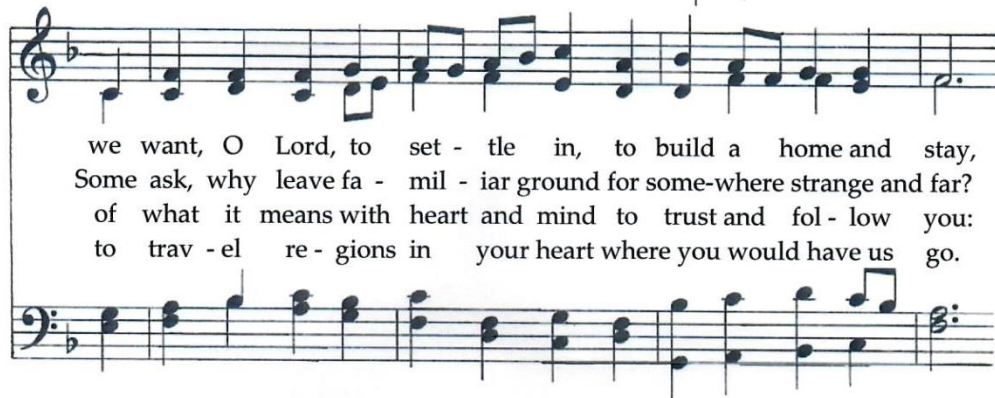
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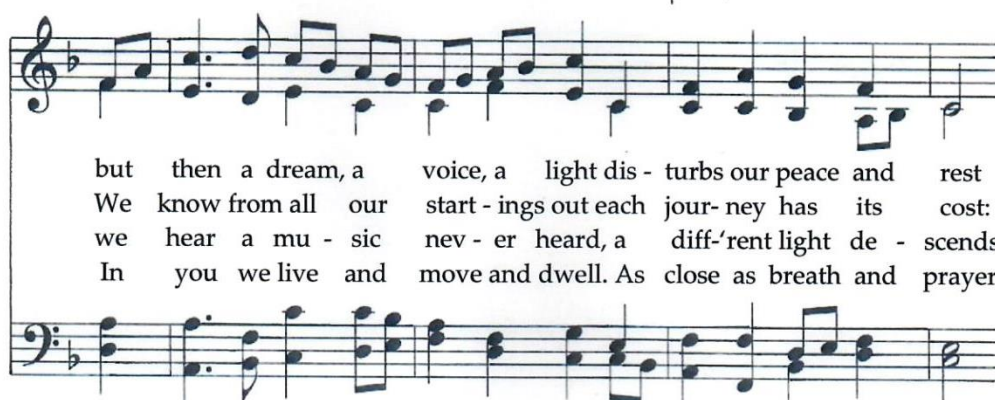
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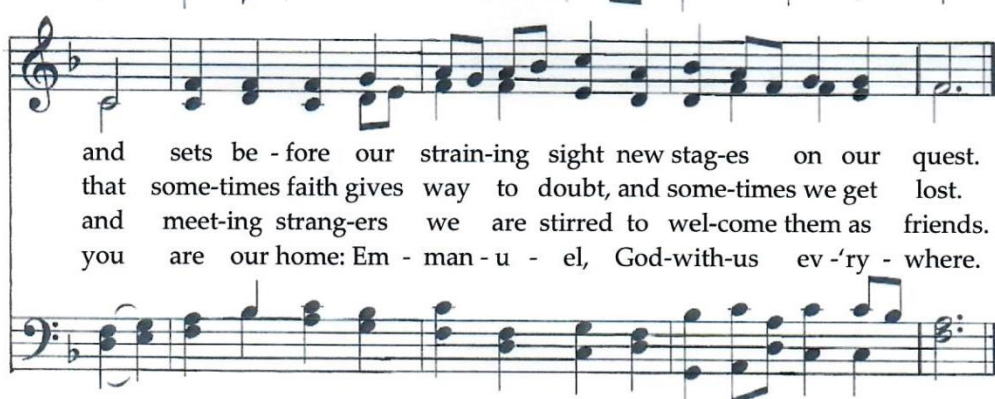
1. How man - y times we start a - gain on faith's un - wind - ing way:
2. Be - fore we go, we look a - round, sur - vey - ing where we are.
3. But great - er than the cost we find is our ex - pand - ed view
4. With ea - ger hope we now de - part the plac - es that we know



we want, O Lord, to set - tle in, to build a home and stay,
Some ask, why leave fa - mil - iar ground for some - where strange and far?
of what it means with heart and mind to trust and fol - low you:
to trav - el re - gions in your heart where you would have us go.



but then a dream, a voice, a light dis - turbs our peace and rest
We know from all our start - ings out each jour - ney has its cost:
we hear a mu - sic nev - er heard, a diff - 'rent light de - scends,
In you we live and move and dwell. As close as breath and prayer,



and sets be - fore our strain - ing sight new stag - es on our quest.
that some - times faith gives way to doubt, and some - times we get lost.
and meet - ing strang - ers we are stirred to wel - come them as friends.
you are our home: Em - man - u - el, God - with - us ev - 'ry - where.

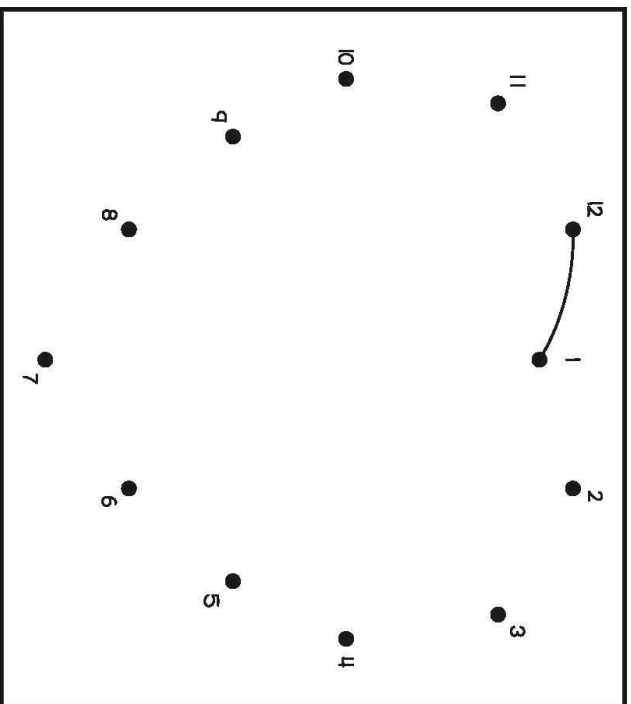
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music: English folk melody, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958);

st. 4 harm. Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

CONNECT the DOTS

Psalm 90 reminds us that even though we face all kinds of change in our lives and our world, God will always be our “dwelling place.” Connect the dots to form a heart, and think of it as God’s love and protection around you. Inside, draw a picture of yourself!



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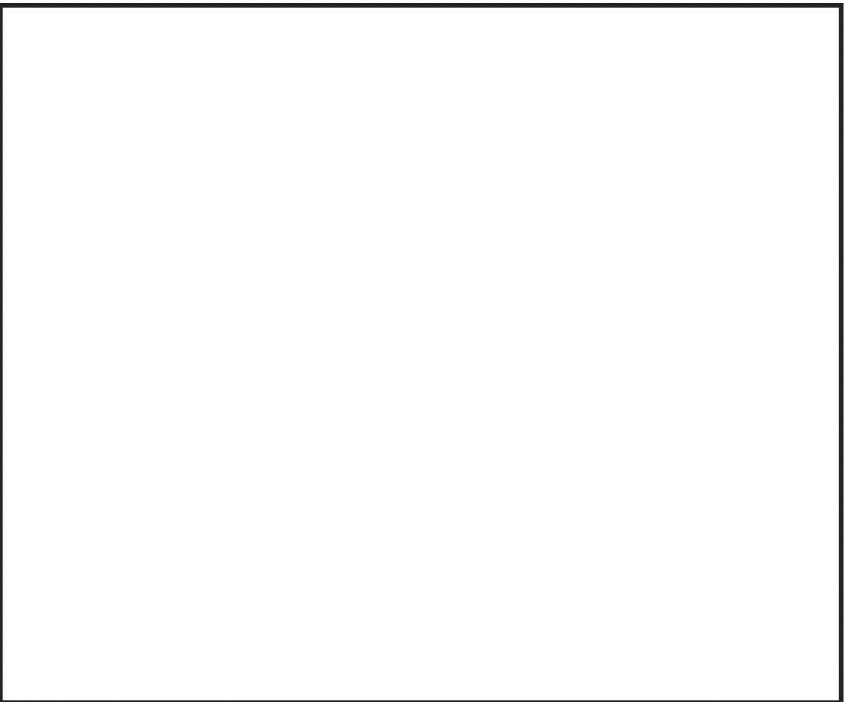
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17, Matthew 22:34-46.



DRAW IT

In Matthew 22, a lawyer asks Jesus what the greatest commandment is. Jesus says, "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Draw what you think it looks like to love God and love your neighbor.



SOLVE (the) MAZE

In Deuteronomy 34, Moses finally reaches the "promised land" after a long, long journey. Help him and the Israelite people make their way to the promised land.

