

Children's Bulletin
First Parish Congregational Church
June 14, 2020
Season of Pentecost

Please gather the following (optional) items to help you worship today:

- Drawing paper
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- You'll find a special activity today for use during the sermon on the final page of this Children's Bulletin



Words of Welcome
Go around the room and greet each person (and pet!) and wave to everyone else worshipping out there with you today



Sing along! HYMN #70 God Is Here! As We Your People Meet vs. 1, 4

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.



Sovereign God, of earth and heaven, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Call to Worship & Invocation

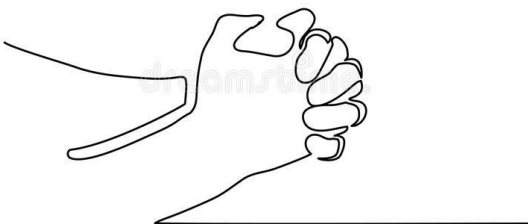
Read out loud the words in bold or draw what your neighborhood looks like and pray for everyone in it.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Based on Psalm 146)

One: Happy are those whose hope is in God, for God keeps faith forever!

Many: **God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the hungry.**

One: God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes



of the blind.

Many: People of God, sing praise to the One who is our help—
for God keeps faith forever!

One: And so we came into being, created by God who exists in community.

Many: We are here as God's community to worship the Source of our being.

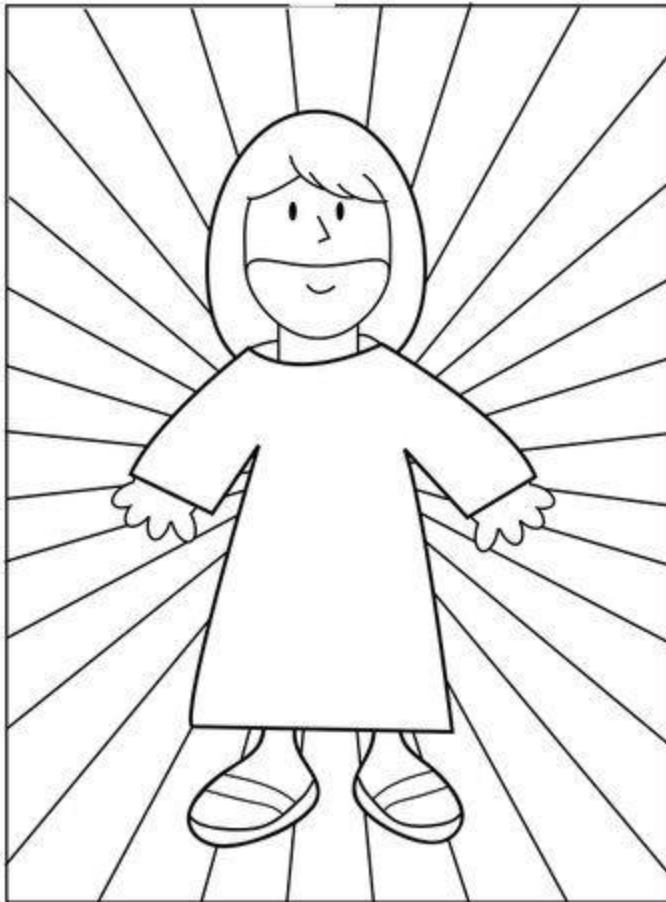
INVOCATION (unison):

Faithful God, you draw near to us in our joy and in our grief, in our hope and in our despair. When we are bowed down, you raise us anew. We turn to you now in search of your healing touch. God of compassion and love, move among us this hour. Open our eyes, dispel our fears, and show us the real life you have to offer. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God will always forgive us when we make poor choices if we are truly sorry. Please follow along if you can:

Jesus hears all my prayers.



Forgive us God; we have denied our true purpose. We have abused the earth's resources for our own selfish gain and the consequences wreak havoc upon the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and every living thing that moves upon the earth. Forgive us God; we have taken your name in vain. We have regarded some of your children as "other" and treated them badly. Sometimes we have looked the other way when someone else delivered the harsh treatment. Forgive us God; for we have fallen short of your intention. (A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

And all God's people say:
"Amen."

Song of Praise:

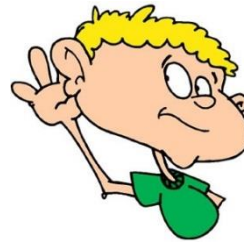
Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, God of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the
sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the
storms of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill
us with the light of day.



Time Especially for Children

Let's sing "Jesus loves me"

Come in close and bring your listening ears



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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Draw a picture of the characters in this week's scripture readings. What do they look like to you?



Sermon

During this time, as you listen to the sermon, please enjoy the activities found on the last pages of the Children's Bulletin

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Do you have a joy or concern you'd like to share with the congregation?

Date:

My Prayer Requests



Invitation to Generosity

Prayer of dedication

Gracious God, we give these gifts because you ask us to share. We dedicate this offering and our lives to your service, that the hungry may be fed, the oppressed may receive justice, and the stranger may be welcomed in our midst. We offer this prayer in the name of the bearer of your good news, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Sing along! HYMN #391 In the Midst of New Dimensions vs. 2

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar.
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and
ever, now and evermore.



Benediction

Postlude "Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go."

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Virtual Coffee Hour

Share your artwork with everyone!

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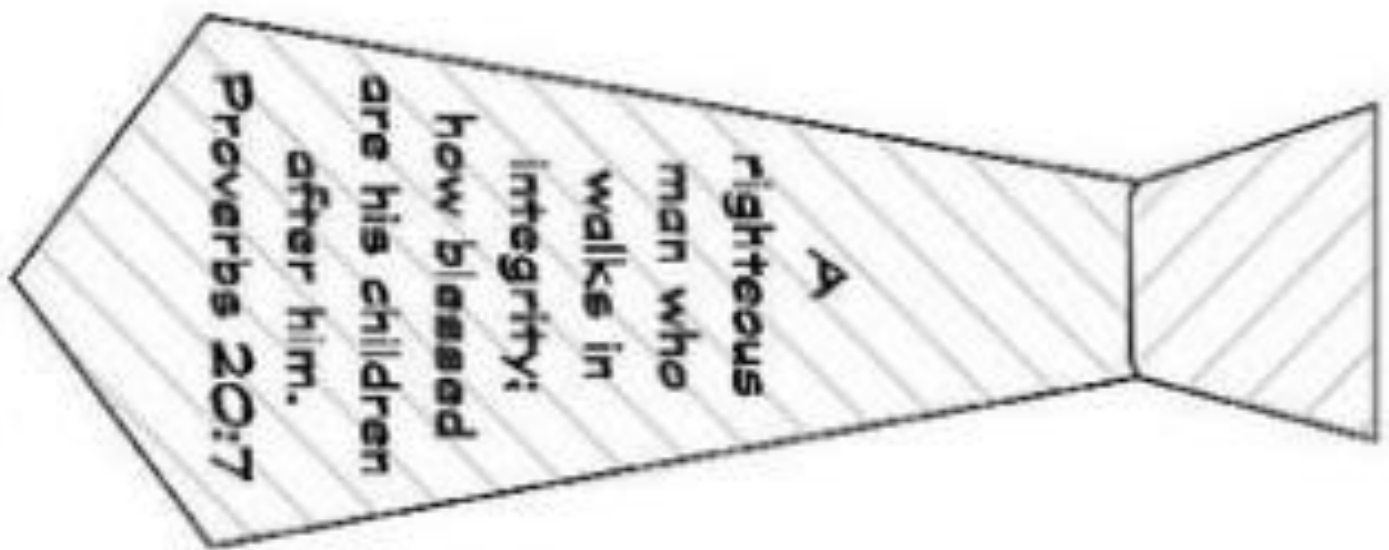
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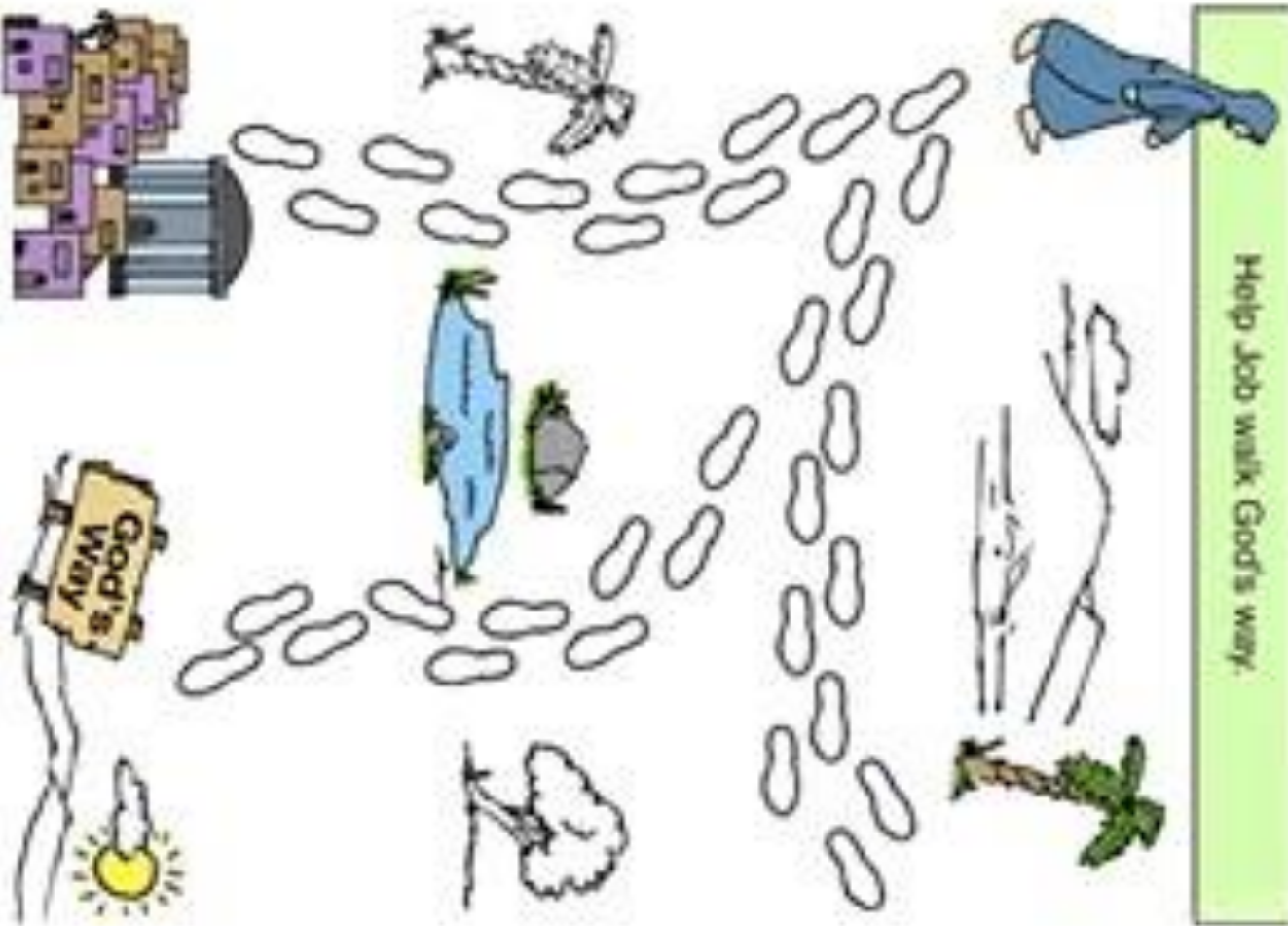
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Job said, "My feet have followed God's steps, and I have kept His ways without turning aside."

Help Job walk God's way.



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How many times can you find the name *Job* in the above word search?