CHILDREN'S BULLETIN FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH APRIL 1 172, 2021

THIS WEEK IS DOG BITE **PREVENTION WEEK AND TODAY IS NATIONAL PET DAY?**

Watch a great family-friendly video here on how to prevent dog bites now that the weather is getting nicer:

https://www.avma.org/events/nationaldog-bite-prevention-week



ASPCA DOG BITE **PREVENTION WEEK**

Ask First!



According to the AMVA, over 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year. You can help ensure safety by sharing these tips with children and parents. For more information on canine body language, visit:

ASPCA.org/DogBitePrevention

When you see this symbol	Let's do this together
	= Sing, Sway, Clap Along, Dance or Shake your Egg Shakers to the Music
	= Let's Bow Our heads and Pray Together as a Church Family (Listen to the words <u>OR</u> Read along if you can)
	= Let's Say The Lord's Prayer Together
	= Listen closely to the Children's Message
New Testament	During this time, as you listen to the stories from the bible and the sermon, please enjoy the activities found on the last pages of the Children's Bulletin or other coloring activities throughout the bulletin.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Led by Lay Reader)

One: Come, in this season of Eastertide and let us discover the Risen Christ in our midst.



Many: Come, let us recognize the resurrected Jesus all around.

One: For the way we travel is both hard and joyful, lonely yet rich in friendship.

Many: We come to this hour eager for a word of life, a word of encouragement, a word of holy companionship. Come now, be filled with the presence of Christ!

HYMN: #233 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia! Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, glad heavens and earth reply: Alleluia!

Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia! Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

INVOCATION (Lay Reader - join in at home.)



Holy One, we greet you this morning as Mary and the other women did, with quiet care. We greet you this morning as Peter did, running to find an empty grave, and as John did, with an excited spirit. Walk alongside our Beloved community in these moments of worship that we might go forth with glad and rejoicing hearts. Amen.



SONG OF PRAISE: #236 Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: PASTOR LINDA <u>Time Especially for Children</u> 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.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

NEW TESTAMENT: Luke 24: 13- 35



13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles[a] from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he

said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.[b] 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" 19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth,[c] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.[d] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." 25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets



have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah[e] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. 28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he

were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us[f] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.



Sermon: Walking to Emmaus

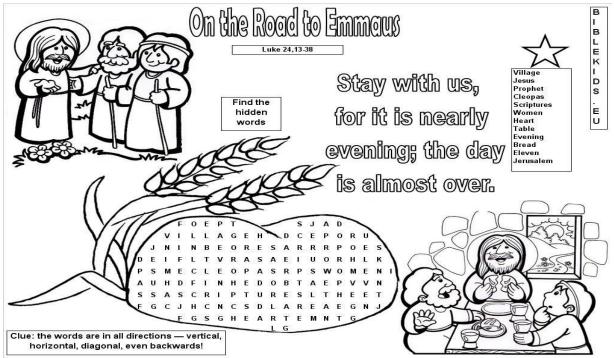
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HYMN: Morning Has Broken

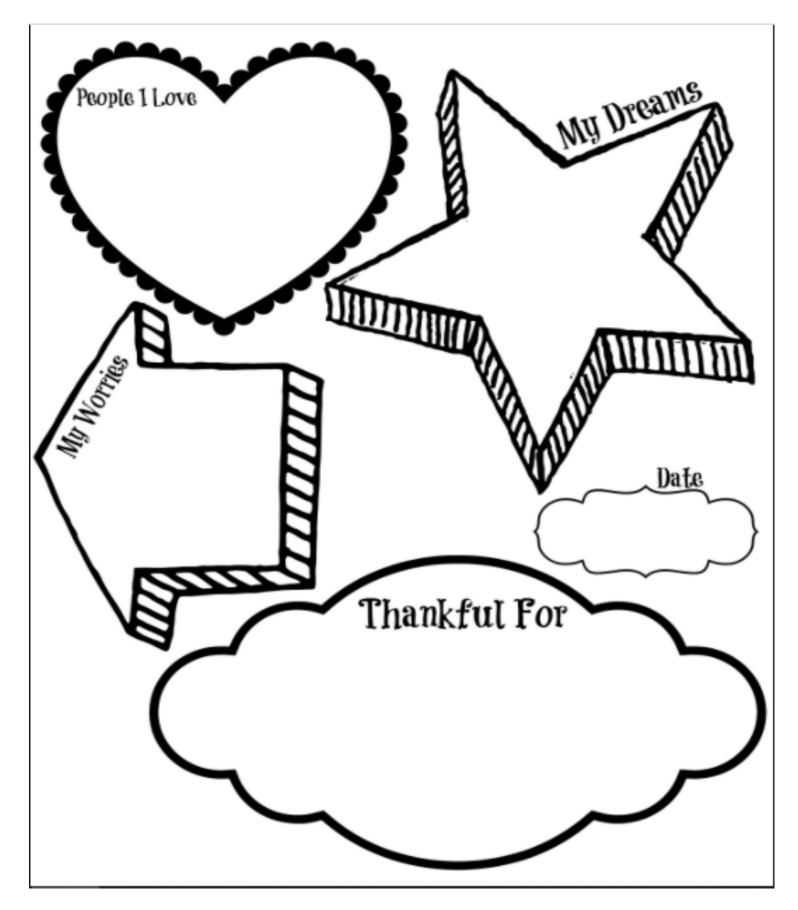


Morning has broken like the first morning Blackbird has spoken like the first bird Praise for the singing, praise for the morning Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, Born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, Praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!



<u>Sharing Joys and Concerns</u>: Do you have a Joy or Concern you'd like to share with the congregation?







Invitation to Generosity:

Think about how you would like show LOVE to God, others and yourself this week, is their a way you might able to be generous with your friendship to someone who is lonely this week?



DOXOLOGY: #780 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Pastor Linda)



WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS and PASTORAL PRAYERS

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

HYMN #242 The Strife Is O'er



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;

the song of triumph has begun, Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has dispersed;

Let shouts of holy joy outburst, Alleluia

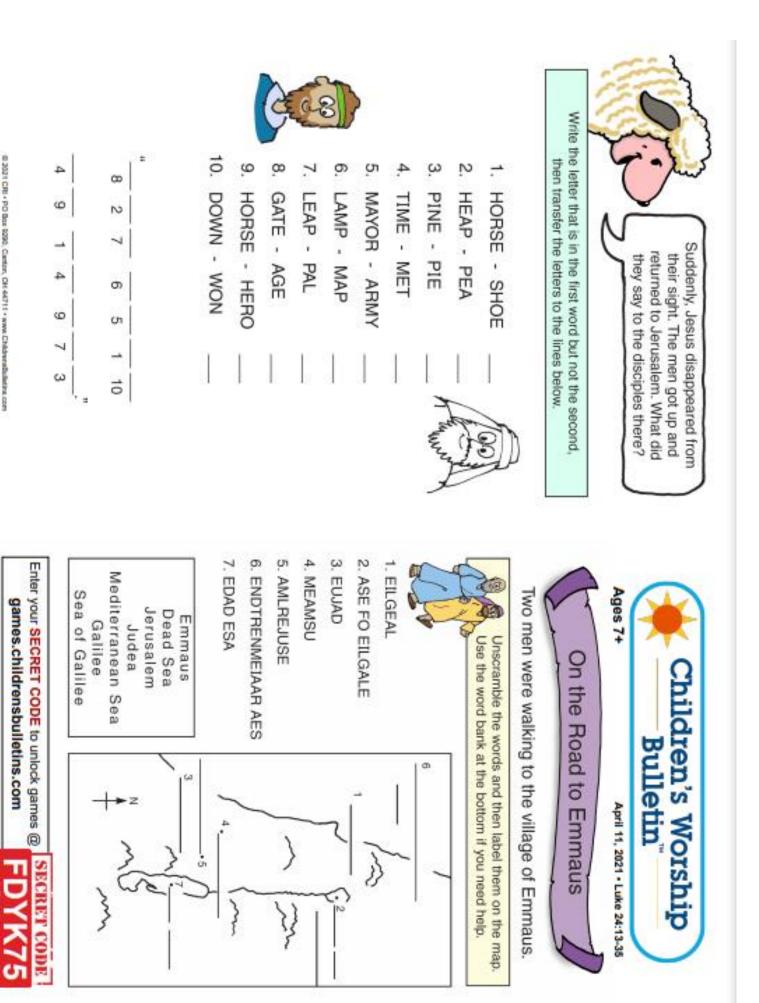
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

BENEDICTION: The Pastor often will give a benediction at the end of service. This is like a special prayer asking for God's help, guidance and blessing over everyone before the end of service.



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