

# **MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**9:15 AM - May 5, 2024 - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**ALIVE! Worship Service**

## **INTRODUCTION**

*This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.*

### ***Jesus Loves Me***

#### **Verse 1**

I was lost I was in chains  
The world had a hold of me  
My heart was a stone I was covered in shame  
When He came for me

#### **Pre-Chorus**

I couldn't run couldn't run from His presence  
I couldn't run couldn't run from His arms

#### **Chorus 1**

Jesus He loves me  
He loves me He is for me  
Jesus how can it be  
He loves me He is for me

#### **Verse 2**

It was a fire deep in my soul  
I'll never be the same  
I stepped out of the dark and into the light  
When He called my name

### **Pre-Chorus**

I couldn't run couldn't run from His presence

I couldn't run couldn't run from His arms

### **Chorus 1**

Jesus He loves me

He loves me He is for me

Jesus how can it be

He loves me He is for me

### **Bridge**

He holds the stars and He holds my heart

With healing hands that bear the scars

The rugged cross where He died for me

My only hope my ev'rything

### **Chorus 1**

Jesus He loves me

He loves me He is for me

Jesus how can it be

He loves me He is for me

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## A New Commandment

A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as".

I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.".

By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if

The third system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if".

you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know

The fourth system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know".

you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

The fifth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.".

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS**

### **KYRIE**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Jesus Loves Me*  
verses 1 & 2

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong,  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.  
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

## A READING

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from 1 John.

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM HYMN

*Sing a new song*

refrain - All      verse 1 - Women      verse 2 - Men      verse 3 - All

*Refrain*

1 Yah - weh's peo - ple dance for joy; oh, come be -  
 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior  
 3 Glad my soul, for I have seen the glo - ry

fore the Lord, and praise the Lord on  
 now has come. The Lord has turned your  
 of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.  
 sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.  
 dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

## GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

ANTHEM

*Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb*

Gentiles

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

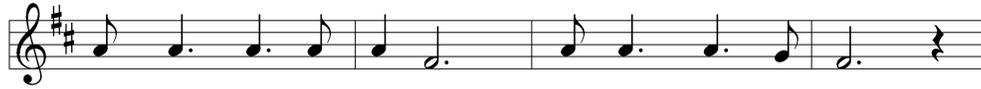
Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

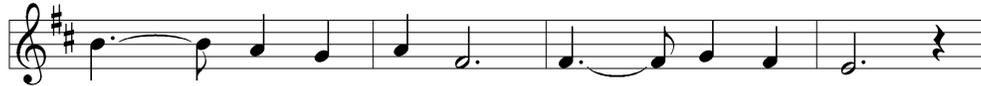
Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

### *What have we to offer?* verses 1, 2, & 4



1 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to share?  
2 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to bring?  
3 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to give?



Coins      from the      cof - fer,      hearts      filled with      care.  
Love,      ripe with      laugh - ter;      hope      that we      can      sing;  
Eyes      that are      wide      o - pen;      lies      that we      won't      live;



God      will not      fal - ter;      so      let us      dare  
dreams      of what we're      af - ter;      prom - is - es      of when.  
truth      that must be      spo - ken;      jus - tice      some - how.



lay      it      at      the      al - tar      there.  
Lay      it      at      the      al - tar      then.  
Lay      it      at      the      al - tar      now.



4 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to



give?      Lives      we will live.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

## **COMMUNION**

COMMUNION HYMN

*No Greater Love*

**VERSE**

♯ F C

1. No great - er love has ev - er been known to us. No deep - er  
 (2. No great - er) price has ev - er been paid for us, this sac - ri -  
 (3. One day we'll) see the glo - ri - ous face of love, kneel at his

5 Dm Bb F/A

grace could ev - er be shown to us. God our cre - at - or  
 fice, of - fered in place of us. Je - sus, the Son of Man,  
 feet and thank him for sav - ing us. This is our des - ti - ny,

10 C Dm

sent us a Sav - iour who suf - fered and died, laid down his  
 nails through his hu - man hands, paid with his blood to bring us to  
 to praise him e - ter - nal - ly, our light and our life, the pres - ence of

14 Bb F/C C C Bb **CHORUS**

life: won - der - ful love. 2. No great - er Won - der - ful love,  
 God: won - der - ful love. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christ: won - der - ful love. \_\_\_\_\_

19 C F/A Dm7 Gm7 Csus 4th time to Coda ♯

beau - ti - ful love, won - der - ful love poured out for us.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

*Fill My Cup*

*Refrain*

Fill my cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my  
cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my cup; let it  
o - ver - flow; let it o - ver - flow with love. *Fine*

1 Lord, let me be your in - stru - ment, spread - ing  
2 It's my de - sire to live for you and to  
sun - shine in the land; let peo - ple see your  
al - ways walk up - right; give me the strength to  
works in me; help me live the best I can.  
face each day; stay with me through each dark night.

The refrain of this gospel song by a well-known Presbyterian pastor and musician can be understood as a meditation on Psalm 23:5, while the stanzas reflect an updated and easily accessible interpretation of the prayer often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (see no. 753).

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

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**FOR FURTHER STUDY**

**First Reading: Acts 10:44-48**

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

***ALIVE! Musicians***

*Gale McLeod, Co-Director*

*Clark Ebener*

*Ricky Lusk*

*Irelou Moye, Co-Director*

*Lyndsey Ebener*

*Ed Redmond*

*Beth Branham*

*David Moye*

*Roxanne Rich*

*Leah Conrad*

*Erin Hall*

*Brett Ebener*

*Vaughn Hall*

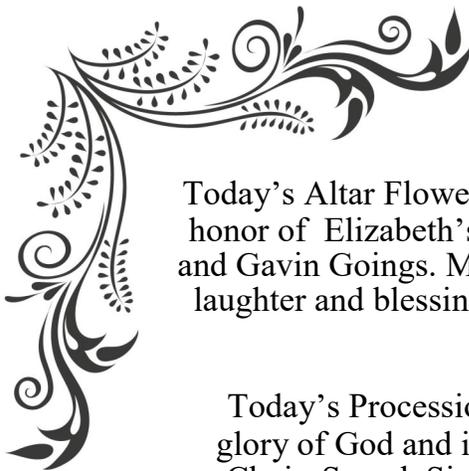
***Worship Assistants***

*Lector ..... Pam Burnett*

*Greeter ..... Grace Fuson*

*Communion assistants ..... Pam Burnett*

*Ushers ..... Paul Jacobs, John Matthews*



Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Elizabeth's birthday by Jeremy, Paxton, Blakely and Gavin Goings. May your day be filled with all the love, laughter and blessing that you enrich our lives with daily. We love you.

Today's Processional Cross Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Cherub Choir, Angel Choir, Seraph Singers, Adult Choir, and the ALIVE! Musicians by Kevin Davis.

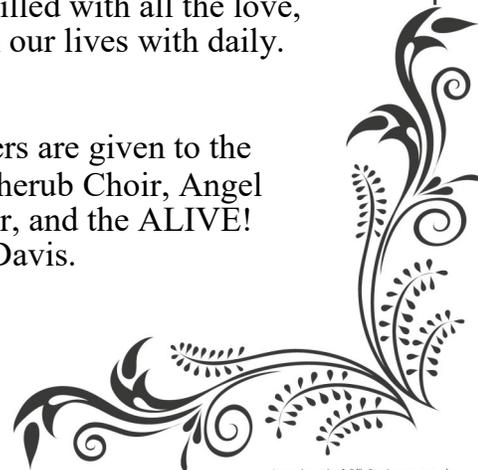
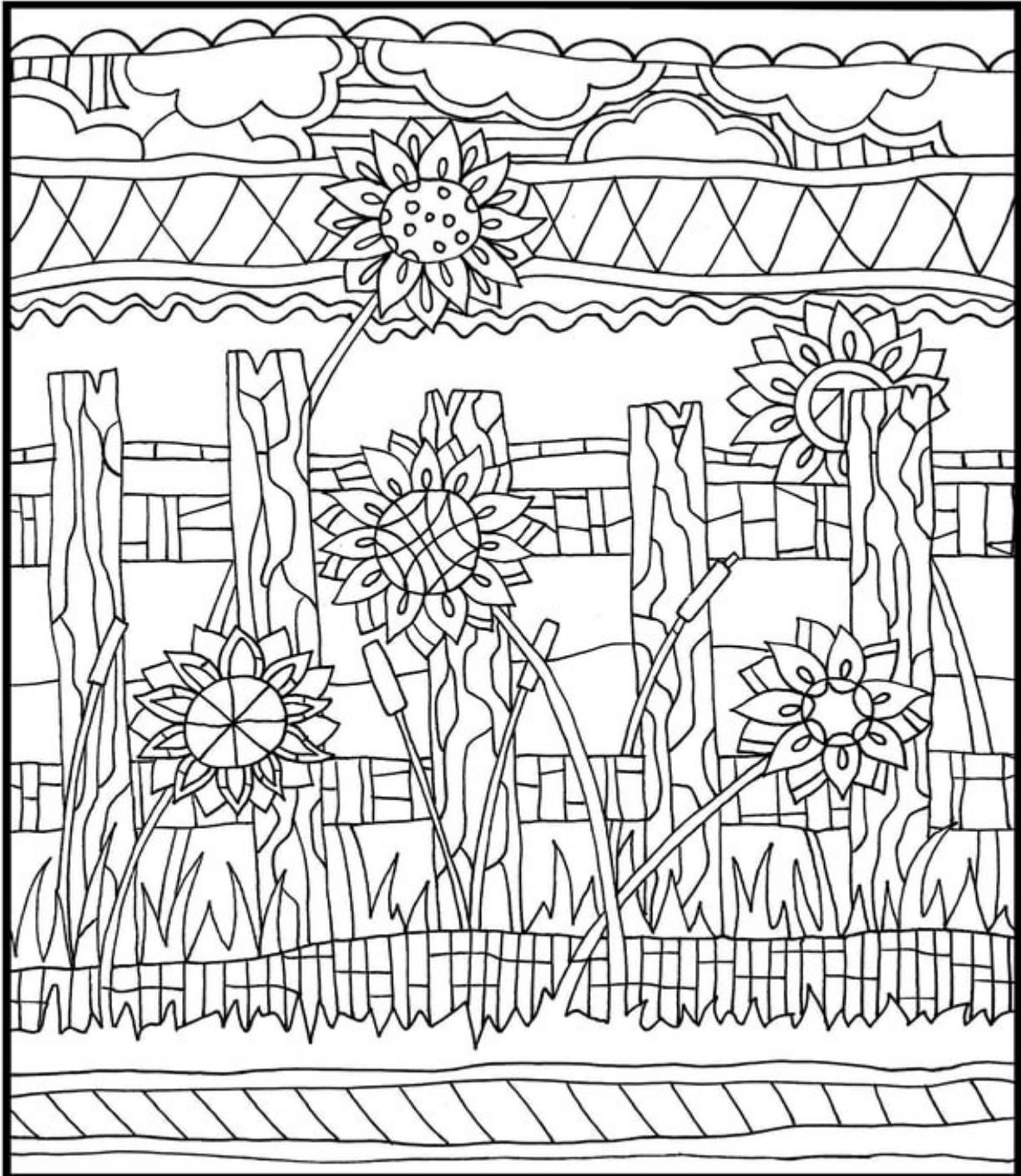


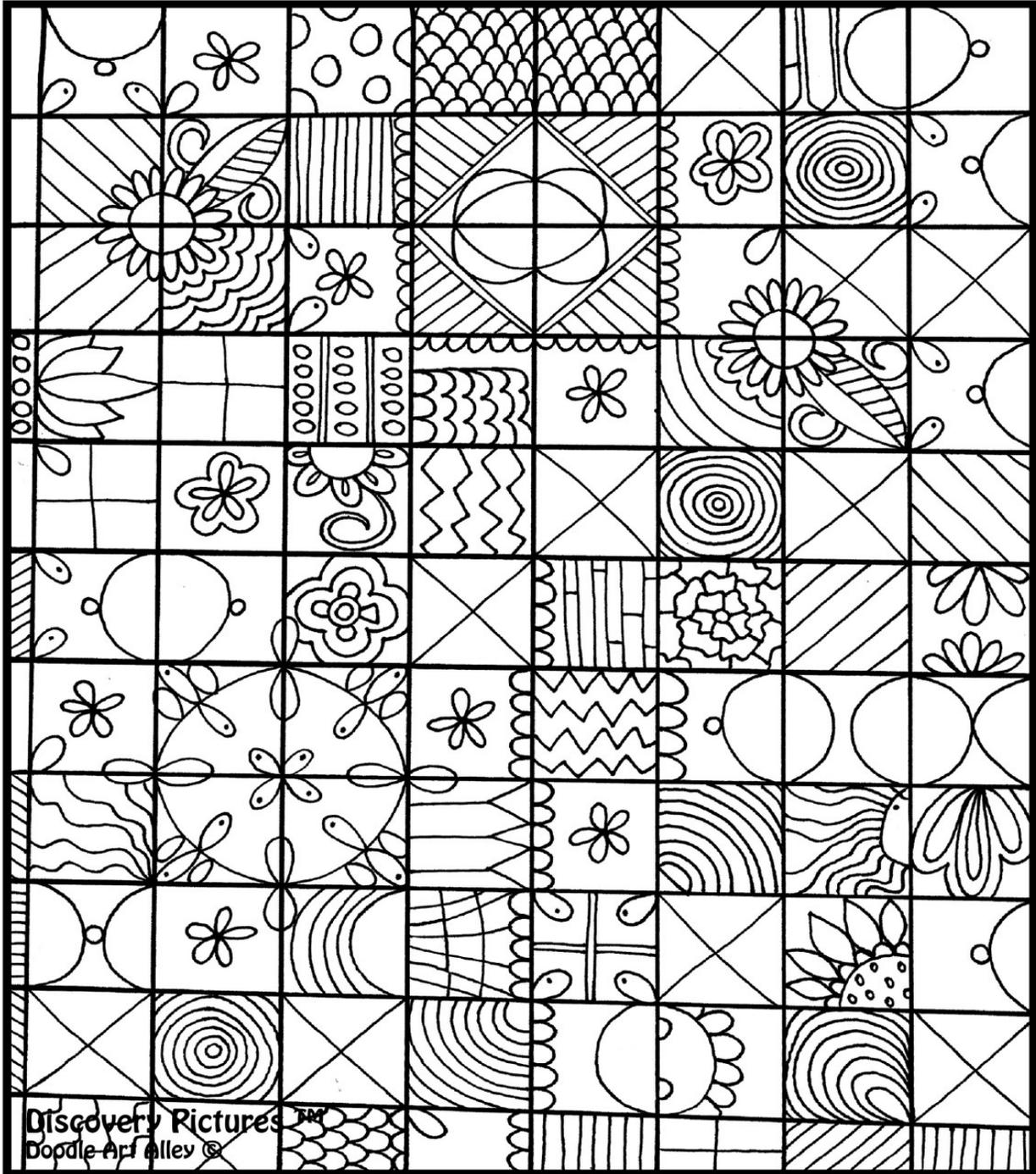
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**Welcome to Mt. Tabor.** We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

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**Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

*As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week:* Jack Sippel, Robert Hilton, Liliana Stork, Blake Vrana, Carlin Vrana, Bennett Plane, Katelyn Shealy, Mickey Geiger, Samuel Hilton, Michael Rodgers, Kathy Risinger, Elmer Sundlie, Abby Grace Roof Kayla Sox, Ashlyn Baxter, Robert South, Evelyn Scyphers.

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Wanda Addy, Ron Hutto, Bruce Merchant, Ann Crout, Al & Judy Jordan

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Drewby McQuillen, Mary Davis, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Robert Cromer, Dennis Rybicki Jr., Emma Lou Easley, Lib Manus, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Barbara Bradshaw, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise Herman Bouknight, Jane & Gene Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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JoAnn Davis, Diana Ruth Henricks, Tommy Cambell, Niko Bosley, Mary Famiglietti  
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Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Caleb Neff

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Sidney Ward, Sarah Cooper, Tony Jeffcoat, Todd Gayden, Jean Latimer

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**Worship Leaders**

*Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation*

*Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music*