



Fifth Sunday of Lent
Into the Wilderness

March 29, 2020
Zoom Worship

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Lost
Eye of the Storm

Faith Angelina

WELCOME

Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Halseth

One: We have been in the wilderness—

All: Discerning and working, seeking and dreaming.

One: We have been in the wilderness—

All: Grieving and wondering, praying and hoping.

One: We have been in the wilderness—

All: Longing and running, creating and waiting.

One: We have been in the wilderness, but we have not been alone;
for God walks with us, every step of the way.

All: So let us worship the God of our darkest nights and our brightest days.

One: Let us worship Holy God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with waves and smiles
and pass the peace of Christ using the chat feature.

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

(How Can I Keep from Singing)

Ps. 46:1-7; 1 Cor. 3:21-23; 2 Cor. 5:17

Anon. in Bright Jewels for the Sunday School,
ed. Robert Lowry, 1869; alt.
St. 3, Doris Plenn, c. 1957

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -
2 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is
3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells
4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -

ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that
liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A
ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how
bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since

hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult
new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my
can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and
first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes

and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It
in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since
dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When
fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All

finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing - ing?
Love com - mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?
friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?
things are mine since I am Christ's— how can I keep from sing - ing?

In various nineteenth-century hymnals this hymn was attributed to different poets, including Anna Warner. The earliest published source credits Robert Lowry as the composer, although Silas Vail later claimed the music. The third stanza was written by Doris Plenn in the 1950s when her friends were imprisoned during the McCarthy era.

Tune: ENDLESS SONG 8.7.8.7.D.
Attrib. to Robert Lowry in Bright Jewels
for the Sunday School, New York, 1869

Gracious God,

**You invite us to plant a garden of love and harmony, but we grow weeds
of prejudice and hatred. You invite us to sow joy and gratitude,
but we scatter seeds of greed and envy.**

**You call us to tend the soil of fear and denial, but instead we close our eyes
and let the earth suffer. Forgive us.**

You invited us to plant a garden, and we lost ourselves in the wilderness.

Clear our hearts. Breathe life into these weary bones and grant us a fresh start.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Craig Seiler

The Voice

For everything *that happens in life*—there is a season,
a right time for everything under heaven.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Todd

POETRY PRAYER

The Wilderness is a Place of New Life—Resilient Life

Pastor Eric

By Sarah Are

I used to think the wilderness would never end.

I called my mom and asked—

“Does time really heal all wounds?

Do the pieces ever fall back into place?

Does the wilderness go on forever?”

So she told me about the horizon.

She said, “There is an edge,

Where the earth meets the sky.

And when you’re there,

You will see daisies in the sidewalk

And the sun after the rain.”

I asked her to draw me a map

And she cried,

Because she knew this road was mine to walk,

But she promised to wait for me,

Day in and day out,

For as long as the wilderness raged.

So I walked.

And it felt like forty days and it hurt like forty nights.

And I waved to the people I passed there
in the wilderness.

We tipped our hats to one another,

Silently recognizing the weight we each carried,

Until one day, I realized—

The earth always kisses the sky.

And this wilderness has turned into a garden,

And I have made it out alive.

And my mother hugged me,

There at the earth’s edge.

And she whispered in my ear,

That God was that gardener,

And that I had nothing to fear.

So if you ever ask for a map,

Know that God and I will be planting seeds,

Hoping to turn your wilderness into a garden.

For as long as the wilderness rages on,

I will never stop looking for you

Where the earth kisses the sky.

SERMON

Seasons

Shannon Kearse-High

ANTHEM

For Everything There Is a Season

Jane Marshall

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Eric

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

(Email your requests to Pastor Eric or type them in the chat window.)

All: Hear our prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (using these words or the words most familiar to you)

Our Loving God, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Nancy Halseth

Invitation to Giving

During this time of virtual worship, we invite you to give online: <http://bit.ly/donatetodcc>.

Offertory

Seasons

Faith Angelina

*Doxology **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen

Offertory Prayer

CLOSING HYMN

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

James K. Manley

Refrain

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness—wind, wind on the sea.

¹You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings.”

[Refrain]

³You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
And down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind.

[Refrain]

²You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
And you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
When they were confounded
by their idols and lies,
then you spoke through
your prophets to open their eyes.

[Refrain]

⁴You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.

[Refrain]

BENEDICTION

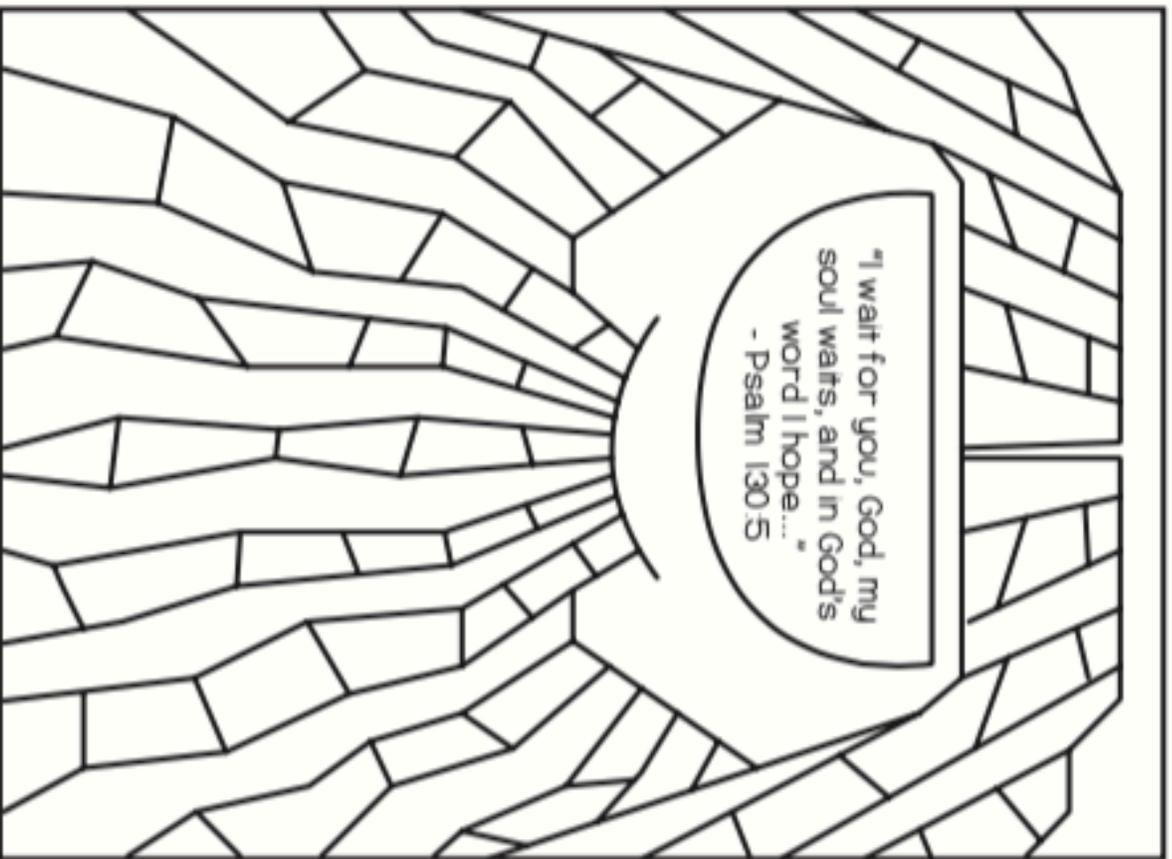
Shannon Kearse-High

POSTLUDE

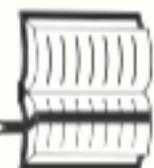
Finding Hope

Faith Angelina

- If you would like to submit a prayer concern or joy for next Sunday's Zoom Worship, please email it to Pastor Eric at eric@danvillechurch.org.
- To keep up-to-date on news and announcements during this time of social distancing, **please read your email** from DCC thoroughly! All communication related to church news and events will be communicated via email!
- Please note: **the Easter Basket Drive has been cancelled for this year**. The outreach commission is considering additional ways to support these ministries.



"I wait for you, God, my
soul waits, and in God's
word I hope..."
- Psalm 130:5

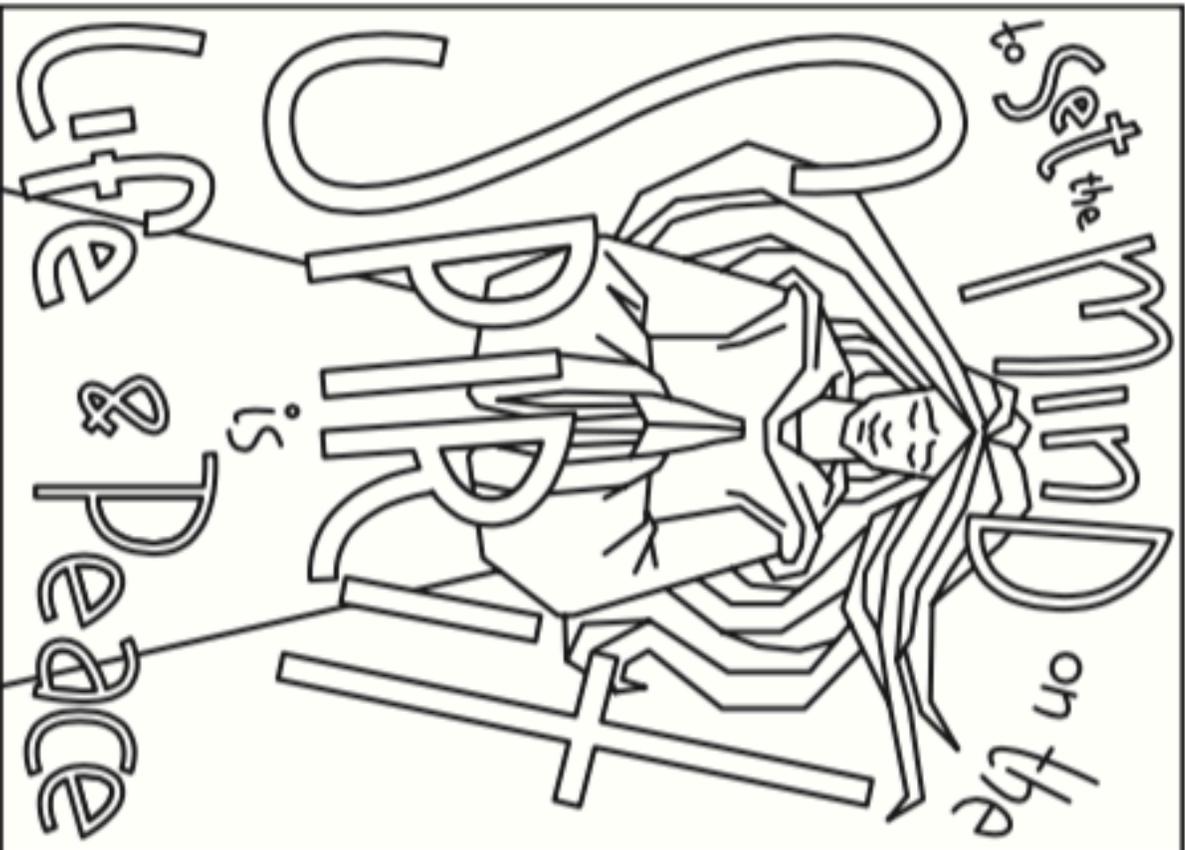


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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:45.

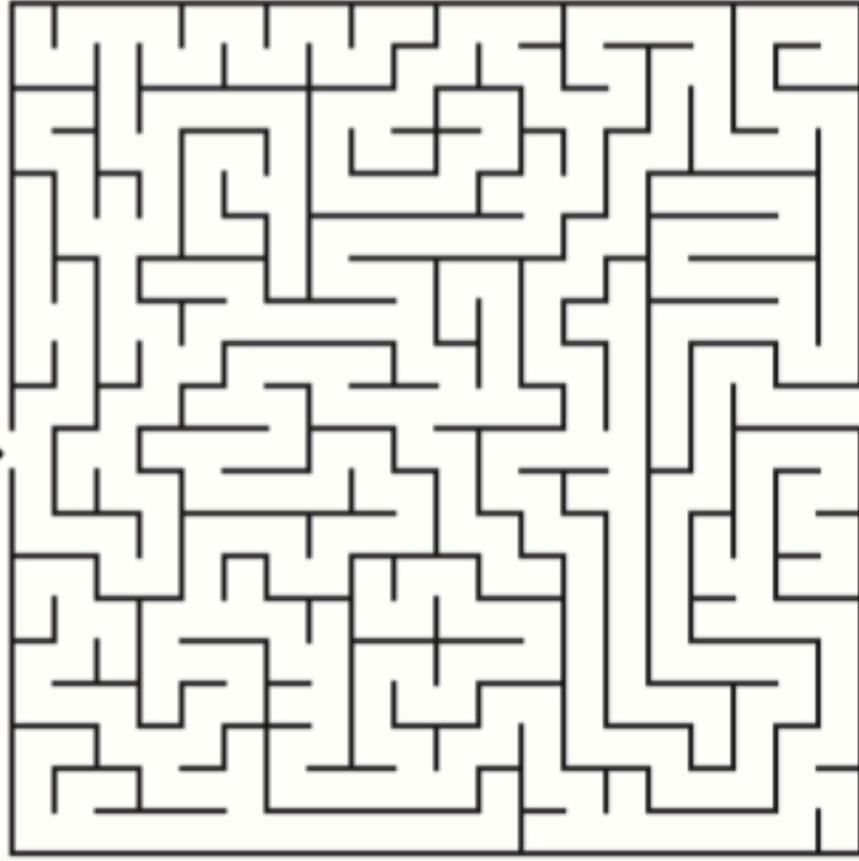


to Set the **MIND** on the

Life & Peace

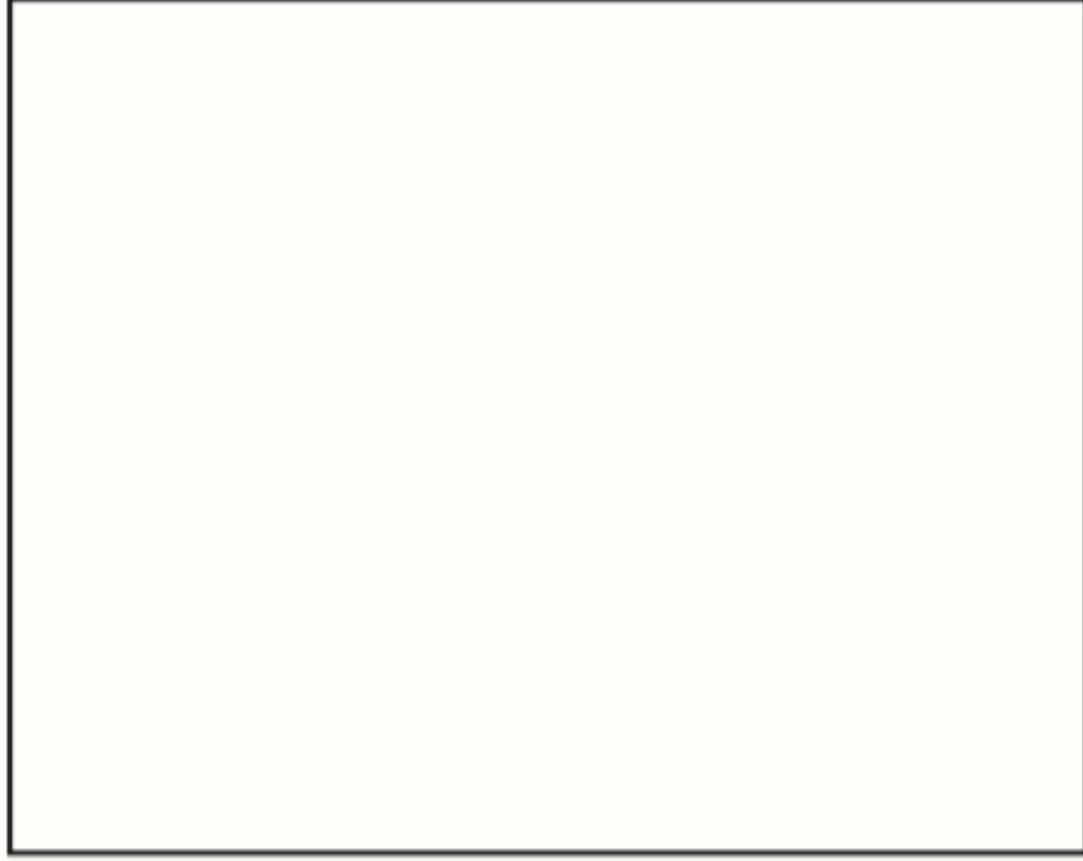
SOLVE (the) MAZE

The prophet Ezekiel was sent by God to prophesy in many places, including a valley of dry bones. Help Ezekiel find his way.



DRAW IT

John 11 shares the amazing story of Jesus bringing one of his friends, Lazarus, back to life. Lazarus had died and was in a tomb, and Jesus called him to come out of the tomb. Imagine you are watching this miracle happen. Draw what you see.



Upcoming Virtual Gatherings

To lessen the impact of isolation during this season of social distancing, you are invited to join these opportunities for community and spiritual practice.

- **Youth Group Zoom**, Sunday, March 29 at 5:00 pm: <https://zoom.us/j/683743275> or by Zoom app: **683 743 275**
- **Parent Zoom**, Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 pm [A time of fellowship, conversation, and prayer with folks who have children at home or are parenting (or grandparenting) from a distance.]: <https://zoom.us/j/199852238> or by Zoom app: **199 852 238**
- **Mid-Day Zoom Devotional**, Wednesday, April 1 at Noon: <https://zoom.us/j/547683580>, by Zoom app: **547 683 580**, or by phone: dial **669-900-6833** and enter **547 683 580**
- **Zoom Family Devotional**, Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00 pm: <https://zoom.us/j/800897222> or by Zoom app: **800 897 222**
- **DCC Virtual TGIF**, Friday, April 3, come & go—5:30–6:30 pm: <https://zoom.us/j/753745013> or by Zoom app: **753 745 013**

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The **DCC Prayer Team** prays daily for those in need of prayers. If you would like to submit a prayer request for yourself or someone else, contact a pastor or send an email to prayers@danvillechurch.org. All requests are kept confidential unless specified otherwise.

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