



October 31, 2021

11:00 a.m., Facebook LIVE

Live: www.facebook.com/FirstCovenantErie/

Recording available after live service: www.tinyurl.com/FPCCYouTube

Welcome! Come, let us worship together—online and in person.

*Please share greetings and comments. Stand if you choose, where you see **

G A T H E R I N G

Ringling of the Bell Tower Carillon (10:45 a.m.)

Peter van den Honert

Gathering Music

Prelude and Fugue on “A Mighty Fortress” John Behnke
@2017 Concordia Publishing House

Leslie Weber

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Chris Weichman

Call to Worship (*responsive, read aloud the bold print*)

Rev. Chris Weichman

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in love.

Jesus calls us to be his disciples.

We take up the cross to follow him.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn #275**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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P R A Y I N G

***Call to Confession**

Seph Kumer

Since we are surrounded

by so great a cloud of witnesses,

let us also lay aside every weight

and the sin that clings so closely.

***Prayer of Confession** (*responsive, read aloud the bold print*)

Seph Kumer

Jesus, cleanser of temples and souls,

look deep within our hearts and our lives,

and clear away all that holds us back.

May our minds, spirits and bodies

be a temple that is open to your presence:

and may our words and our actions

be transparent to your love and truth.

We pray that this church community,

will be purified in its life and mission,

so that all that we do in and from here

may reveal your Gospel to others.

In a moment of silence we sit before You,

and name those things for which

we seek your cleansing and healing,

so that we may be more faithful disciples.

(Time of Silent Confession)

***Assurance of Pardon** (*responsive, read aloud the bold print*)

Seph Kumer

Friends of Jesus, we are made clean
by the words he has spoken to us.
There is room in our lives and in our community
for the Holy One to dwell. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Seph Kumer

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you.

Share greetings of Christ's peace in the comment section on the Facebook livestream or share a nod, a peace sign, a wave of peace with those worshipping with you in the sanctuary.

Welcoming New Members

Bill Holmes, Clerk & Rev. Chris Weichman

Julie Little, Susan Potter, Rose McLaren, Donna Vokish
James & Cathy Anderson

L I S T E N I N G

First Reading *John 2:13-22*

Rev. Chris Weichman

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Hymn #301

Let Us Build a House

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Children's Moment

Rev. Britney L.V. Knight

Second Reading *1 Kings 8:1-13*

Rev. Chris Weichman

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. ² All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. ³ And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. ⁴ So they brought up the ark of the LORD, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. ⁵ King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered. ⁶ Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. ⁷ For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. ⁸ The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. ⁹ There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the Israelites, when they came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰ And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹ so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. ¹²

Then Solomon said,

"The LORD has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.

¹³ I have built you an exalted house,
a place for you to dwell in forever."

R E S P O N D I N G

Time of Reflection

“God is Our Refuge” Allen Pote
Soloists: Nina DiPlacido & Halle Murabito
@1986 Hope Publishing Co.

Leslie Weber

All Saints’ Ringing of the Bell**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Chris Weichman

God is Good... All the Time!
All the Time... God is Good!

The Lord’s Prayer *(in unison)*

Rev. Chris Weichman

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

Hymn #326For All the Saints**(pages 8 & 9)****Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings**

Rev. Chris Weichman

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see the box on the bottom of this page.*

***Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low...Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known;
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*
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***Benediction**

Rev. Chris Weichman

***Postlude**

“Toccata in d Minor” J.S. Bach
BWV565

Leslie Weber

*Thank you to all of our worship volunteers this morning and to Peter van den Honert
for playing the carillon in worship.*

INVITATION TO MINISTRY

Welcome! to everyone joining us for worship in the sanctuary and on Facebook LIVE. Masks must be worn at all times in the church building. Updated in-person worship details can be found on page 12 of this bulletin.

NEW Worship Entrance starting November 7 the office entrance will be the entrance for Sunday mornings. You can drop off your attendance form and pickup your bulletin at the table in front of the office. As the temperature gets colder the double doors at the office will provide a greater weather barrier and keep our volunteers warm.

What's happening this week? For the MOST up-to-date church calendar, visit here: <https://tinyurl.com/CalendarFPCC> Help keep this calendar up-to-date: if you are a committee or board chairperson, or are scheduling an event at the church, submit your calendar item(s) or change(s) to office@firstcovenanterie.org

Welcome Our New Members in Fellowship After Worship Join us in the Narthex after worship for cake and coffee. Catch up with friends or meet someone new.

November Covenant Chimes reminder Starting November 1 Megan Kelly will be our new Director of Communications. The next issue of the *Covenant Chimes* will be published in late November, in time for Advent. In the interim, please consult the bulletin and Facebook. If you are not already on the e-mailing or USPS-mailing list, send your information to office@firstcovenanterie.org so you will not miss out on the church's ministry news.

Help host a Sunday Fellowship Hour Can you help serve a beverage and treat under the belltower after the 11:00 a.m. service one Sunday this fall? The Hospitality & Membership team would love your help! Contact Lorie Fritts 814.823.4838

Why are some worship vocalists and music pieces pre-recorded? Singing is regarded as one of the riskiest pandemic behaviors. Should a singer have Covid-19 (especially Delta) they project large volumes of virus for great distances. To protect the staff and congregation, most special music offerings (even some guest preachers, speakers) are being pre-recorded until further notice. The goal is to always have the best worship service possible, as Covid-safely as possible. Thank you for understanding!

Connections Dinner for the whole family: November 10th—The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Kelso Archaeology Museum is taking some of their exhibits on the road just for us! There will be a video presentation on digs in the Near East that the school has participated in over several decades along with actual artifacts to look at and even to touch! There will be things for younger kids to participate and learn as well. This experience will bring the Bible stories everyone has learned to life! Hope you can make it! \$6 adults, \$3 students and kids. RSVP required by 10/8 at 9 a.m. to office@firstcovenanterie.org or 814.456.4243.

Our Neighbors' Place begins the winter shelter season at First Covenant on November 17. Interested in helping in some way? Contact Pat Tracy at tptracy72@gmail.com or Dale Sweet at shedal68@gmail.com

A Global Students Thanksgiving will be celebrated on the third floor of the church on Saturday, November 20 at 4:00 p.m. To help welcome and visit with students, contact Seph Kumer at 814.566.0287 or seph.kumer@firstcovenanterie.org

Neighborhood Thanksgiving at MLK is around the corner! If you would like to help cook at the church (Saturday morning, November 20) or serve at the MLK Center (Sunday afternoon, November 21), contact Seph Kumer seph.kumer@firstcovenanterie.org or 814.566.0287

Youth Group Meeting TODAY after worship to prepare the meal for Sunday Suppers. For more information contact: Britney.knight@firstcovenanterie.org

**GIVE
PLUS⁺**

3 Ways to give tithe or offering... THANK YOU!

1. Use the QR code at right.
2. Go to www.firstcovenanterie.org and click the *GIVE NOW* button at the bottom of the homepage.
3. Mail your check to:
First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant,
250 West 7th Street, Erie, PA 16501



275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's


armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

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Let Us Build a House


All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B \flat C Dm




1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C




safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B \flat F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B \flat



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

THE CHURCH

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

Harmony, stanza 3


3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



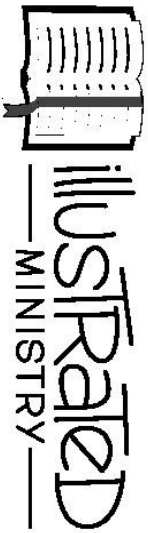
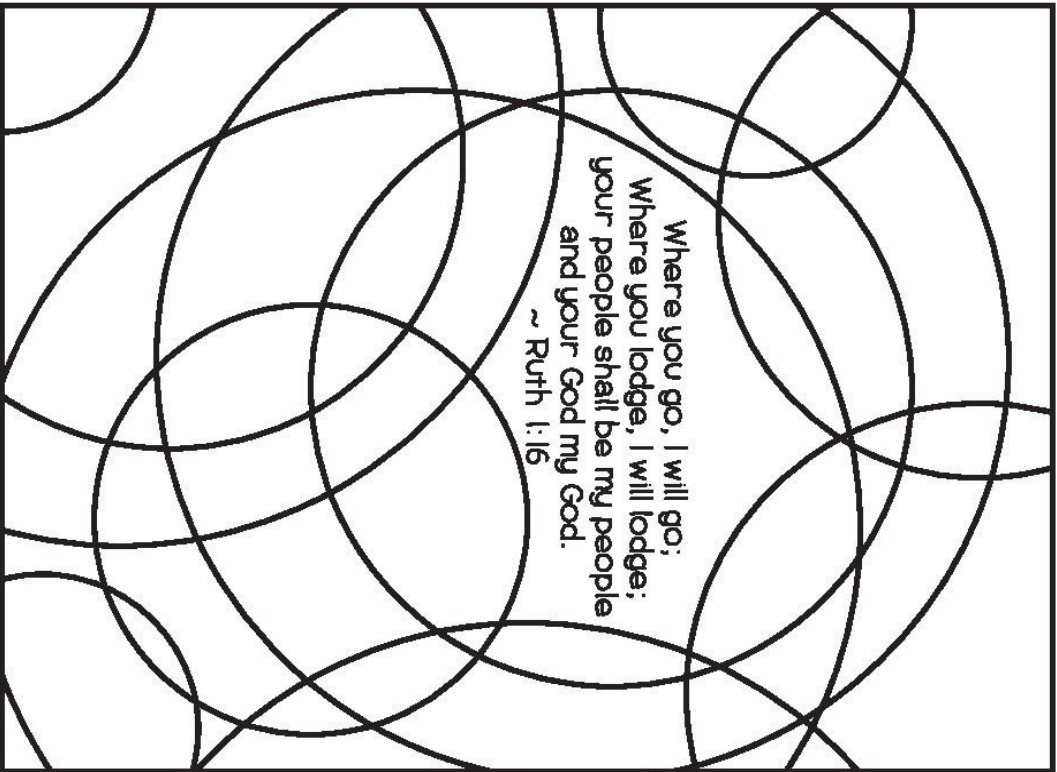
We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet



all are one in thee, for all are thine.



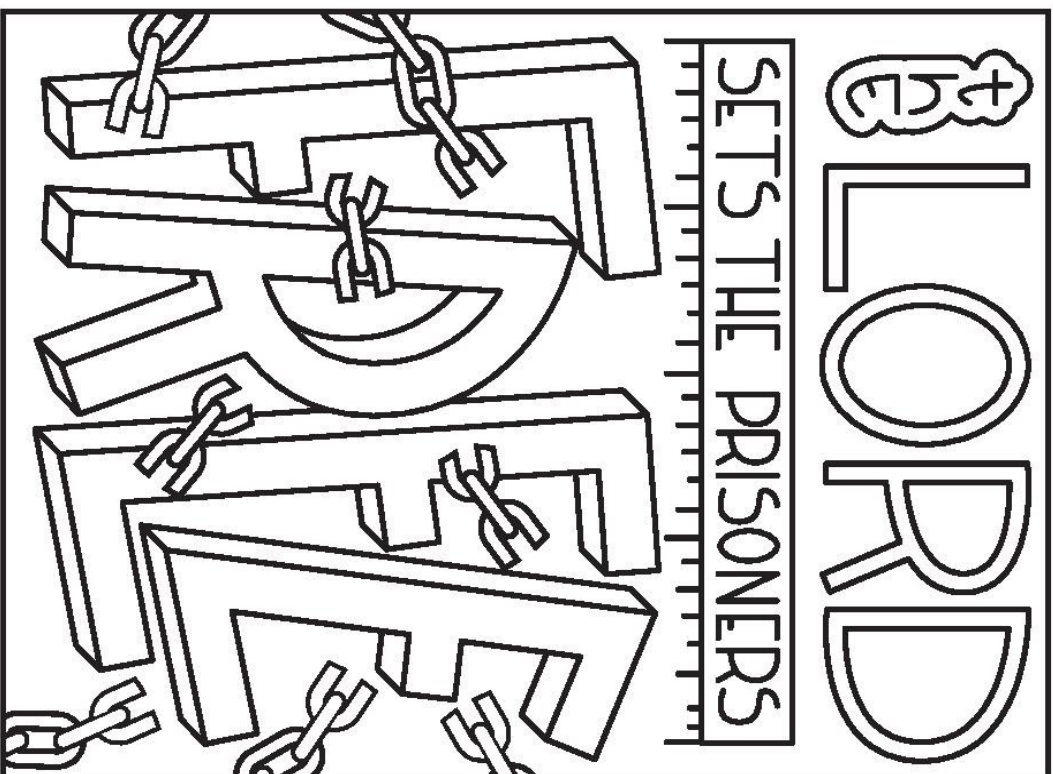
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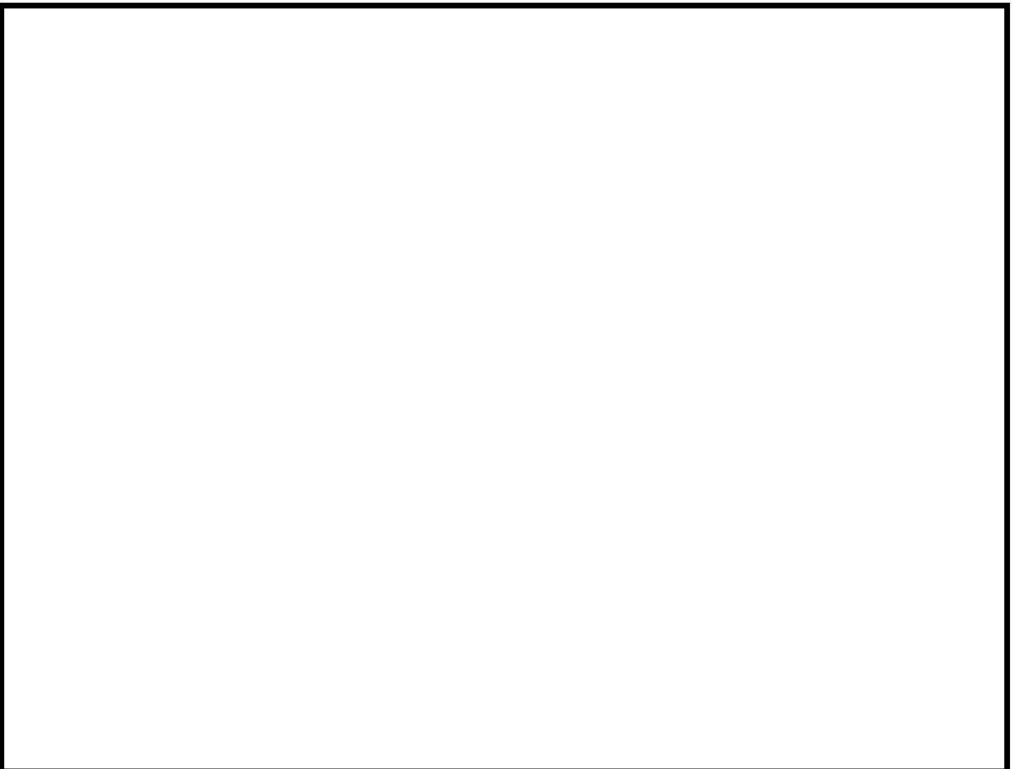
CHILDRENS' WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Ruth 1:1-18, Psalm 146, Mark 12:28-34.



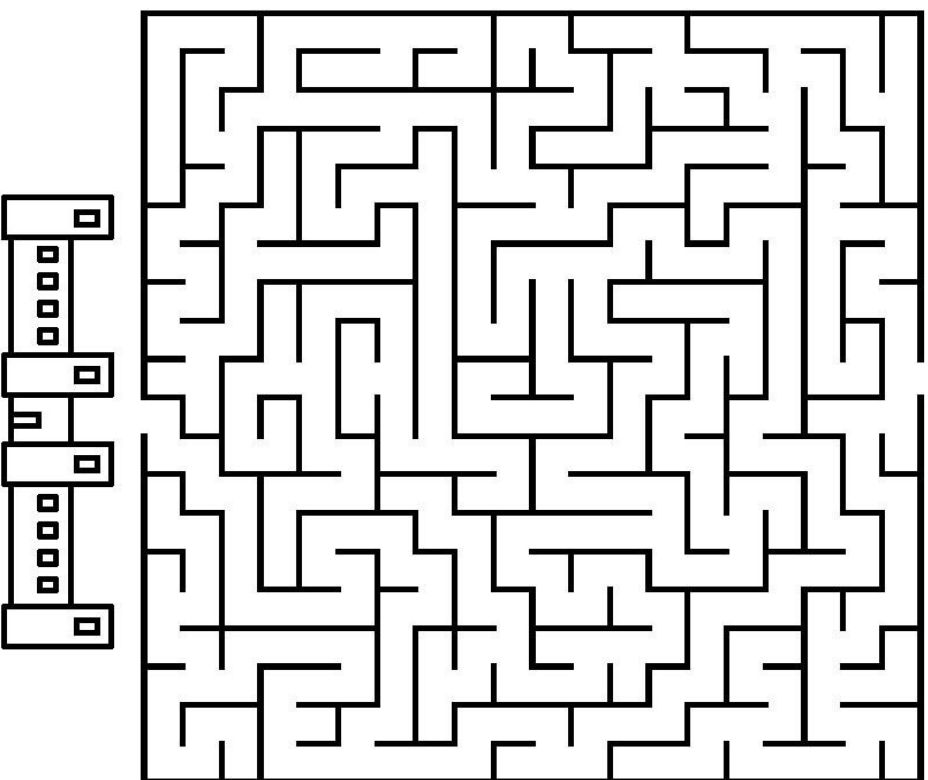
DRAW IT

Mark 10 tells the incredible story of Jesus giving Bartimaeus, a blind man, the ability to see again. Draw how you imagine this miracle looked, and how Bartimaeus felt.



SOLVE (the) MAZE

Jesus and his friends needed to get to Jericho. Help them find their way through the maze.



Pandemic In-Person Worship Protocols *(updated October 31, 2021)*

It is good to have the option to worship together in the sanctuary and the chapel!

Full vaccinations for Erie County residents continue to increase. Daily new case counts and hospitalizations are increasing. Warmer weather allows for open doors and ample ventilation in the chapel.

Our worship protocols listed below were developed after consultation with Dr. Nadworny and the Erie County Health Department and will be incrementally adjusted as the situation dictates.

LATEST UPDATE

- **New Worship Entrance Starting November 7th.** The glass “breezeway” doors at the office will be the entrance to the church for the 8:30 service, Faith Formation, and the 11:00 service. You may turn in your in-person sign up sheet, and pick up the bulletins at this entrance.

Here’s what to expect:

- **Masking. Distancing. Pews. Seating. Due to the rise in Covid Delta Variant Masking is no longer optional.** Masks must be worn at all times. We will continue to practice social distancing. In the sanctuary some pews are blocked off with chairs to allow for 6-foot distancing between rows. The centers of available pews have a 6-foot “no seating” section marked off. Seating will be at the ends of each available pew. **Volunteers needed to welcome and guide worshipers:** dianeream@verizon.net
- **Facebook LIVE-streaming** of the 11:00 service will continue. Attend online or in-person: it is your choice based on your comfort. If you attend in-person, keep this in mind. Talking / noises will be picked up by mics.
- **Complete an attendance / health assessment form in advance—each time you attend.** Find the form on page 13 to cut out and bring with you to turn in at the entry door. You’ll also find it in the Chimes newsletter and each worship bulletin. Copies are also available at the entry door. In addition to stating you are feeling well, this form will register in-person attendance and be used if contact tracing is necessary.
- **One-Way traffic lane.** For drop-off and pick-up by car, the lane along the east side of the church will be one-way. One-way into the parking lot from 6th Street BEFORE the worship service. And then as worship concludes it will flip to one-way OUT from the parking lot to 6th Street.
- **Bulletins. Hymnals. Pew pads.** You will be handed a worship packet as you enter. It is the same as what is emailed weekly, containing all bible texts and music. Nothing touched by multiple people will be used: hymnals, bibles, pew pads are stored until further notice. Attendance is received via the health forms.
- **Singing and spoken responses.** Singing is only permitted with masks. We will continue to have a cantor to lead us in the singing of hymns. Quietly spoken liturgy responses and unison prayers *are* permitted.
- **Communion, offering.** On first Sundays you will be handed a communion kit with wafer and juice. Or you may bring your own elements from home. Dispose of packaging as you exit. Offering will be received as you exit. Or continue to give via the church website, the *Give-Plus* app, or U.S. mail.

During a pandemic nothing is risk-free.

Indoor, in-person worship participation, even with all of the protocols and precautions outlined above, still bears the risk of Covid-19 transmission.

In-Person Worship Attendance Form

Please print. Hand-in at entrance to sanctuary. For health screening and contract tracing purposes only. Thank you.

Name _____ Worship Date _____ Attending 8:30 9:30FF 11:00

Phone number _____ Vaccinated? YES NO OTHER

Experiencing any of the following: Short of breath, cough, fever, chills, body aches, loss of sense of smell or taste, headache, nausea? YES NO

In the last 14 days...

have you been within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more with anyone that has tested positive for Covid? YES NO

have you been tested, with a positive result, for Covid-19? YES NO

I would like more information about: _____

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