

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

24 Pieces in Free Style [op. 31]: vii. Meditation

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Pastor: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PEALING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory
and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

INTROIT *(sung by the choir)*

Rend Your Heart

Alec Wyton (1921-2007); adapt.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God:
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.

-Joel 2:13

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 32)

Pastor: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

People: **Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* HYMN *(all: see page 11)*

O God, How We Have Wandered

Passion Chorale

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung by the choir)*

David N. Johnson, 1972; adapt.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

-Greek, 5th/6th century; transl.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

People: **For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

All: **Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

* RESPONSE (sung by all)

Jacques Berthier, 1984

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

-Taizé Community; based on Psalm 103:1

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR JOHN RUSSELL RICHARDSON

(Please refrain from taking photographs.)

STATEMENT ON BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

QUESTIONS TO GODPARENTS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Deacon: Do you, speaking on behalf of the whole church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture John by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his Church?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (congregation standing)

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Blessed are you, almighty God, creator of the universe, ruler of heaven and earth. You are the source of light and life for all creation. In your goodness you give us the sign of water.

People: At the beginning, your Spirit was at work, brooding over the waters of creation's birth, bringing forth life in all its fullness. Through the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

Pastor: In the time of Noah, you cleansed the earth through the waters of the flood. By the pillar of cloud and fire you led Israel through the waters of the Red Sea out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

People: In the waters of the river Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Holy Spirit. He is the never-failing spring who has promised that all who thirst can come to the living water.

Pastor: By the baptism of his own death and resurrection he set us free from bondage to sin and death and opened to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

People: We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it. Raise them to new life, and graft them to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon John, that he may have the power to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ.

People: To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

Deacon: Receive the light of Christ; you have passed from darkness into light.

People: You have been enlightened with Christ; walk always as a child of the light.

As the introduction to the Response is played, children age 4 through 8th grade are dismissed to their Sunday School classes.

RESPONSE (*sung by all*)

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

This setting is printed in the hymnal at no. 482, the third stanza.

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

—Michael A. Saward, 1981

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

[2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#)

Sarah Pickup, *layreader*

(Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 181)

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

[Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32](#)

(Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 78)

SERMON

"Homecoming"

Dr. Miller

THE RESPONSE

CALL TO PRAYER (*sung by the choir*)

Let My Prayer

Benjamin Rauch, 2009

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

—Psalm 141:2

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION – The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Deacon Allison Reynolds

CALL FOR THE OFFERING (Go to website <https://ryepc.com/give/> or see below to give online.)

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR AND ORGAN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

-Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863)

* LENTEN HYMN OF PRESENTATION (*sung by all*)

Martyrdom

This setting is printed in the hymnal at no. 212, the fourth stanza.

**But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.**

-Isaac Watts, 1707

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING FORTH

* HYMN 771 (*online: see page 12*)

What Is the World Like
stanza 1: Choir only; stanzas 2-5: All

New World

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN

Fugue No. 4, in C Major

attr. Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

**indicates standing for those who are able.*

Welcome to Rye Presbyterian Church

If you are a guest today, we welcome you and hope you are enriched and inspired by this time of worship. So that we may get to know you better, please fill out an information card found in the pew racks and put it in the offering plate. You may also go to: <https://ryepc.com/im-new/> and fill out the Welcome Form online.

*The chancel flowers are given by Elizabeth Garrett
in gratitude for Virginia
and in memory of Donald D. Garrett,
who passed on December 23, 2021, father of Don Garrett.*

Crucifer

Dylan McKiernan

TODAY

Coffee Hour

has resumed in the Assembly Room following worship!

*Youth Choir – 11:00 a.m., Chapel
Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 11:15 a.m., Choir Room
New Members Discussions – 11:15 a.m., Library & via Zoom
Confirmation Class – 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room
High School Youth Group – 6:00 p.m., Vespers, Chapel
Men's Bible Study – 8:00 p.m., Library & via Zoom*



CHILDCARE & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare for ages 3 months through 3-years-old and Sunday School for ages 4-8th grade are being offered this morning!

Childcare can be found on the first floor of the Education Wing. Sunday School classes for age 4-3rd grade are on the second floor of the Education Wing, and 4th-5th grade are in the Westminster Room. Middle school meets in the Youth Rooms downstairs in the basement.

Please make sure to sign your children up for childcare and Sunday School each week using the form on our [website](#).

E-MAIL PRAYER GROUP

Our e-mail prayer group is going strong. Please join us in our ministry of prayer for others. Or if you have a prayer request, please do not hesitate to contact rpcprayers@gmail.com.

ONLINE GIVING

Online donation options are available on the RPC Website Giving page (ryepc.com/give/), or you may scan the QR Code to the right with your cell phone.



Zelle We can also accept your donations with Zelle from your mobile banking app. Please contact the church office to register with us first.

Contact Maida Robinson at 914-967-0842 or email mrobinson@ryepc.com, if you have any questions.

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support of the church!

THIS WEEK

Monday, March 28

9:30 p.m. Monday Morning Bible Discussion Group, via Zoom

Wednesday, March 30

9:30 a.m. Women's Discipleship, Library

Thursday, March 31

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop, Assembly Room

3:30 p.m. Children's Choir, Choir Room

Saturday, April 2

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, via Zoom

5:00 p.m. Contemplative Service, Chapel (in-person only)



Saturday at 5PM

LENT CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

April 2 and 9

Join in-person in the chapel every Saturday evening of Lent at 5PM for a 30-minute time of contemplative worship.

There will be music, silence, prayer, and time for reflection on scripture - a quiet moment to re-center and re-focus as we journey through Lent together.

UKRAINIAN EASTER EGG EVENT

In lieu of our traditional Gospel According to Peeps event, all ages are invited to come to the **Assembly Room, Sunday, April 3, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service**, where we will pray for Ukraine together and decorate wooden eggs with pysanky designs. While the traditional "pysanky" method uses real eggs with wax and dyes, we will provide wooden eggs with paint pens and instructions on how to make pysanky designs. All participants are encouraged to donate to the Ukrainian Refugee Relief fund.

So we can make sure to have enough supplies for everyone, please sign up for the event on our website (<https://ryepc.com/article/ukrainian-easter-egg-event/>) before **Friday, April 1**. If you are unable to sign up beforehand, no worries - walk-ins will be welcomed!



CALLING ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6 FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 7 AND UP FOR YOUTH CHOIR

Both choirs have resumed! New members are welcome!

Contact Lisa Rawson, our Director of Choirs for Children and Youth, who can answer any questions about this short, but exciting, choir season!

Lisa can be reached by email at lrawson@ryepc.com.

Children's Choir—Thursdays, 3:30-4:15 p.m., in the Choir Room

Youth Choir—Sundays after worship, in the Chapel, dates TBD based on youth schedules.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday: April 10, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary and online

Maundy Thursday: April 14, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary and online

Good Friday: April 15

-Noon, Sanctuary and online

-Family Service, 3:00 p.m., beginning in the Westminster Room

Easter Sunday: April 17

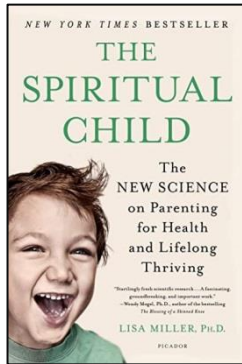
-Sunrise Service, 6:00 a.m., on the beach at Rye Town Park

-Family Service with Flowering of the Cross, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary

-Worship with Communion, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and online

Instructions on joining by Zoom and YouTube are on the church website:

<https://ryepc.com/worship/worship-at-rpc/>. **Bulletins will be available on this site.**



SPRING BOOK STUDY

Tuesdays – April 19, 26, May 3, 10 and 17

7:30 PM in the Church library

In *The Spiritual Child*, psychologist Lisa Miller, author of the recently published book *The Awakened Brain*, writes about the science and the practical power of spirituality. Combining her scientific study with her practice in clinical work, she explains the strong link between spirituality and health. She shows that children who have an active spiritual life show significantly less likelihood to struggle with substance abuse and depression, and have more positive indicators for physical and mental health.

Over the course of five Tuesday evenings we will discuss her book and explore the practical ways, as a church and as parents, that we might encourage spirituality as a foundation to our children's well-being.

Please feel free to order the book on your own and to contact Dan Love (dlove@ryepc.com) for more information.

Easter Flowers and Music

This year's Easter will include beautiful flowers and music. We invite you to help defray the cost of our Easter flowers and music by making a donation. Your donation can be recognized in the Easter bulletin in one of two ways:

-As an acknowledgement showing only your name (can also include family members' names).

We will need to know how you would like your name(s) to be shown.

-As a dedication (as we have done in previous years).

You will need to provide the following information:

From: _____ (how you wish your name shown)

Indicate one of the following dedications:

In Loving Memory of _____

or ... In Gratitude for _____

or ... In Honor of _____



Envelopes available in pew racks. Fill out the front of the envelope and include your donation (cash or check payable to Rye Presbyterian Church, note Easter Flowers & Music on check memo line).

To pay online: [click here](#). Enter the dedication information in the notes section of the PayPal form.

To pay via mail: Send check payable to RPC (indicate Flowers & Music on the check memo line), to Rye Presbyterian Church, 882 Boston Post Road, Rye, NY 10580

Donations must be received no later than Monday, April 4, to be included in the bulletin.

If you have questions, please contact [Denise LeVan](#).



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Rye Presbyterian Church would like to resume a cancer support group that we have offered in the past. The program is based on the "I Am" Curriculum, and is for people with cancer or those touched by the disease, including family, friends, and caregivers. It is designed to give each participant a safe place to share and explore feelings, and to create an opportunity for healing as we support one another.

Please contact Becky Ruegger (914-282-7733 / rhruegger@aol.com) if you have questions and/or an interest in participating.

Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian Church

Ronald Arron, artistic director

presents

Sextet

(two violins, two violas, two celli)

Sunday, April 10, at 3:00 p.m

Schönberg: Verklärte Nacht

Brahms: Sextet in G Major

Admission: \$20 for RPC members and friends; FREE for students
to reserve your seats, please call Ronald Arron at 914-523-4646
or send him an email: <mailto:ronarron17@gmail.com>.

Register by April 14 – go to <https://bit.ly/34rN54Q>

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

A CERTIFICATION COURSE FOR
RYE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LAY LEADERSHIP AND PARENTS

Saturday, May 7th, 9am-2:30pm
Rye Presbyterian Assembly Room

Learn how to identify, understand, and
respond to signs of mental illness and
substance use disorders in youth

Course includes 2 hours of online
pre-work & an in-person instructor-led
5.5-hour workshop.

Space is limited.

Register by April 14th at
<https://bit.ly/34rN54Q>.



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DID YOU KNOW . . .

1 in 4 teens and young
adults live with a
diagnosable mental
health condition.

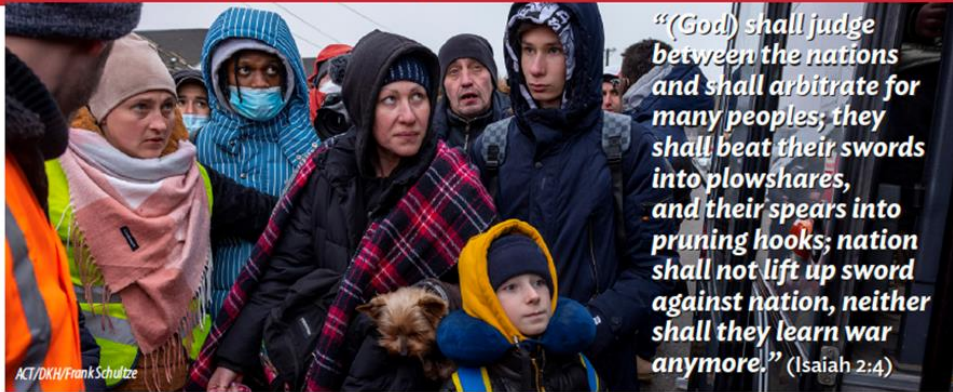
54% of youth with
major depression do
not receive any mental
health treatment.

50% of all lifetime
cases of mental illness
begin by age 14.

The course introduces
common mental health
challenges, reviews
typical adolescent
development, and
teaches a 5-step action
plan for crisis and non-
crisis situations.

To donate online, go to RPC website: <https://ryepc.com/article/emergency-response-to-ukraine-war/>

Emergency response to Ukraine war



As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

GIVE: To support emergency relief for those fleeing Ukraine, you can send a check made out to Rye Presbyterian Church, noted for "Ukrainian Refugee Relief", or you can use this PayPal link ([click here](#)). Thank you for your gifts!

To donate online, go to RPC website: <https://ryepc.com/article/emergency-response-to-ukraine-war/>



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O God, How We Have Wandered

Passion Chorale

1 O God, how we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O God of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,

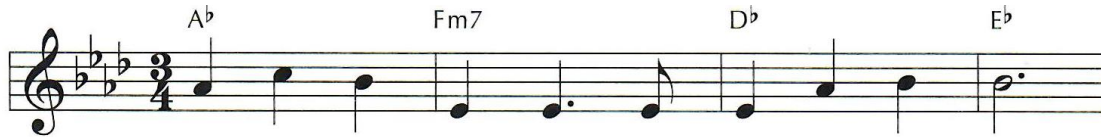
In fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
By faith we are re - turn - ing with hope and trust in you.
Com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, our peace and hope as - sured.

But how, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we turn with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us, and home re - joic - ing bring,
Grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.

As dis - tant but com - pell - ing, you call us each by name.
In glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

What Is the World Like

New World



1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

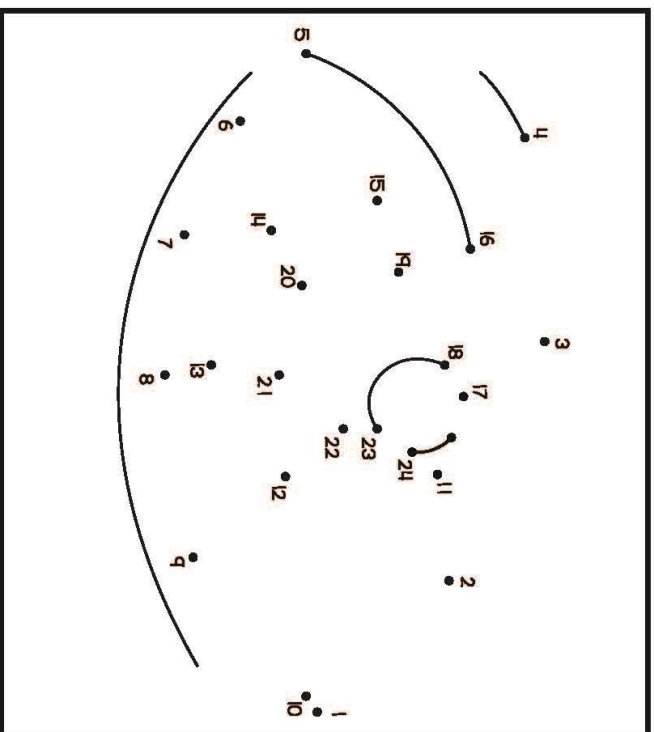


This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
This is how God read - ies us for the light.
this is a new world where God's will is done.

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CONNECT the DOTS

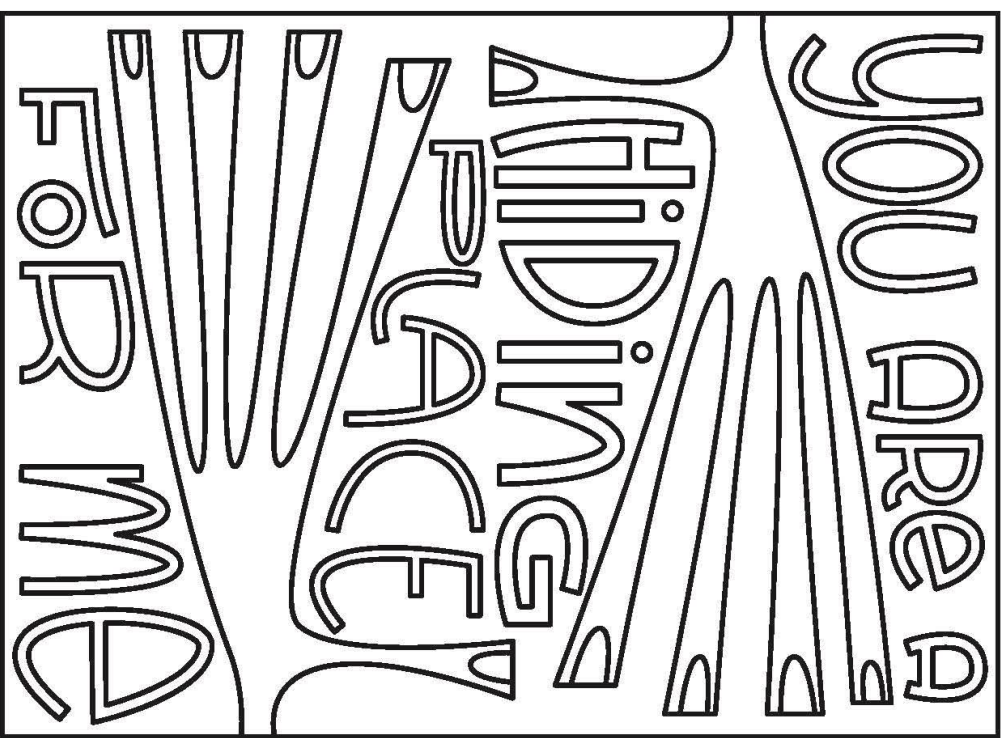
Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5 we became a new creation when we follow Jesus! He says we will see the way God sees, viewing every person as a beloved child of God. Connect the dots to form an eye. Then write the names or draw people in your life you can see through God's eyes.



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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 1b-32.



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Psalm 32 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

N I P R E J O I C E P A B I L
K G H I D I N G J A K O R S K
I T T E A C H Z E C A L P S Y
U S T R E N G T H Z G L O S E X
F T E J V S L U F H T I A F S
U S S C W C D S F B M C Y N L
K K P A N E T D R O L P P O E
K X W I F A E N E V O L P P C S
P F F G R I D R E Y A R P P A X N
T S U R T I A E B U T H H L U
Z K N O I H T E V I X U H U O
S U R R O U N D T I C K G D C
M F V M K R L J R S L T V Z I
F O R G I V E N C Z R E N U L
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| HAPPY | STRENGTH | DELIVERANCE |
| FORGIVEN | CONFESS | TEACH |
| LORD | FAITHFUL | COUNSEL |
| SPIRIT | PRAYER | STEADFAST |
| BODY | HIDING PLACE | LOVE |
| REJOICE | SURROUND | TRUST |

DRAW IT

Luke 15 shares the powerful story of the “Father with Two Sons.” Even though the younger son made choices that hurt his father, the father forgave him and ran out to hug and welcome him home. Draw how you imagine this looked.

