



We Seek to Better Understand
the Teachings of Jesus—
and Live those Teachings.

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WELCOME

Whoever you are,
and wherever you find yourself
on the journey of faith, you are
welcome to this church as you
are to receive the riches of
God's grace...

The Way...
The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.
This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.
6th Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022

Mr. Rogers, to grads — and to us all

Our world hangs like a magnificent jewel in the vastness of space. Every one of us is a part of that jewel, a facet of that jewel, and in the perspective of infinity, our differences are infinitesimal. We are intimately related. May we never even pretend that we are not. ... Deep down, we know that what matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves. What really matters is helping others win too, even if it means slowing down and changing our course now and then. ...

[Roman philosopher] Boethius wrote this sentence: "Oh happy race of mortals if your hearts are ruled, as is the universe, by love." ... [There is a] deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive: love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed. So in all that you do, in all of your life, I wish you the strength and the grace to make those choices which will allow you — and your neighbor — to become the best of whoever you are.



Saturday, July 30th

Follow up contact after the donation request letters are sent is crucial and we need your help!

Please commit to a personal contact on behalf of the Back to School Bash committee to one or more of the local businesses posted on the bulletin board.

Your assistance is very much appreciated!

Jesus leads us into heaven

On Thursday after the sixth Sunday of Easter — May 26 in 2022 — the church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord. John Donne (1571-1631) wrote the poem "Ascension," which contains an important reminder: When Jesus returned to his Father, it was the culmination of all he had done to prepare the path to heaven for us.

... Joy at the uprising of this Sun, and Son ...

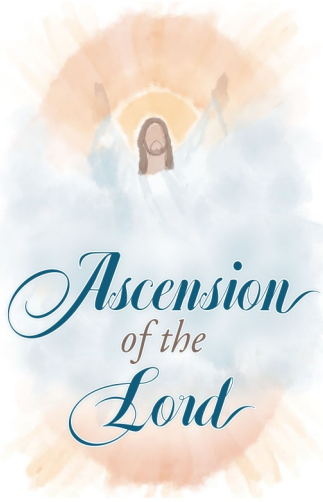
He first enters the way.

O strong Ram, which
hast batter'd heaven for
me!

Mild lamb, which with
Thy Blood hast mark'd the
path!

Bright Torch, which
shinest, that I the way may
see! ...

May we follow our
strong-yet-mild, brightly
shining Savior into God's
eternal presence.



*Thanks to our
Volunteers*

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



THE THIEF ON THE CROSS NOW IN PARADISE
Just minutes before his death, the thief on the cross repents and hears Jesus say "Today you will be with me in Paradise." **Lk 23:39-43**
The ultimate example of the 5PM worker. **Mt 20:1-16**



Cassandra Hargiss ~ 22nd
Don Steinmetz ~ 23rd
Bruce Rostron ~ 25th
Phil & Marla Scott ~ 25th
Mike & Sydney Russler ~ 28th

**Methodist Mountain
Mission
Pick Up
Tuesday, June 14th**



**Please use boxes when
collecting your donations
and stack neatly as possible
in the church garage.**

**Sunday, June 12th
11:30am ~ ?**



**Methodist Women's Group
supporting Back to School Bash 2022**

Fort Branch First UMC
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CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship service! We do offer options. Following the Children's Sharing, children may attend Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery at First.

Nursery
Attendant:



5/22: Jenni Schleiter
5/29: Sherry Michel

† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

3:30pm Ω Port Gibson 4-H

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Next Sunday:

Certified Lay Speaker
Kristi Pflug



Welcome!

Rev. John Baylor Jr.

PRELUDE

***THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US**

***HYMN # 130** 9:00am *God Will Take Care of You*
64 10:30am *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

*GREETING AND PRAYER

We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord. Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please add your name to the attendance register located in your pew and pass to the next person until reaches everyone in your row.

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #472 9:00am *Near to the Heart*
of God
92 10:30am *For the Beauty of*
the Earth

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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. Amen.**

Listening Guide
“Praying Out Loud”
May 22, 2022

Scripture: 1 Kings 8:22-24; 46-53

How do you pray in public?

_____ on Prayer

Finding _____

_____ **Prayer**

Personal Application: There are few things in the life of a Christian that can strike more fear than being asked to pray out loud. When we pray out loud we know that everyone is listening to what we say. It can be terrifying. How can you use these tips to better equip you and help you to gain confidence for the next time you are asked to pray out loud?

1 Kings 8:22-24; 46-53 NLT

Solomon's Prayer of Dedication

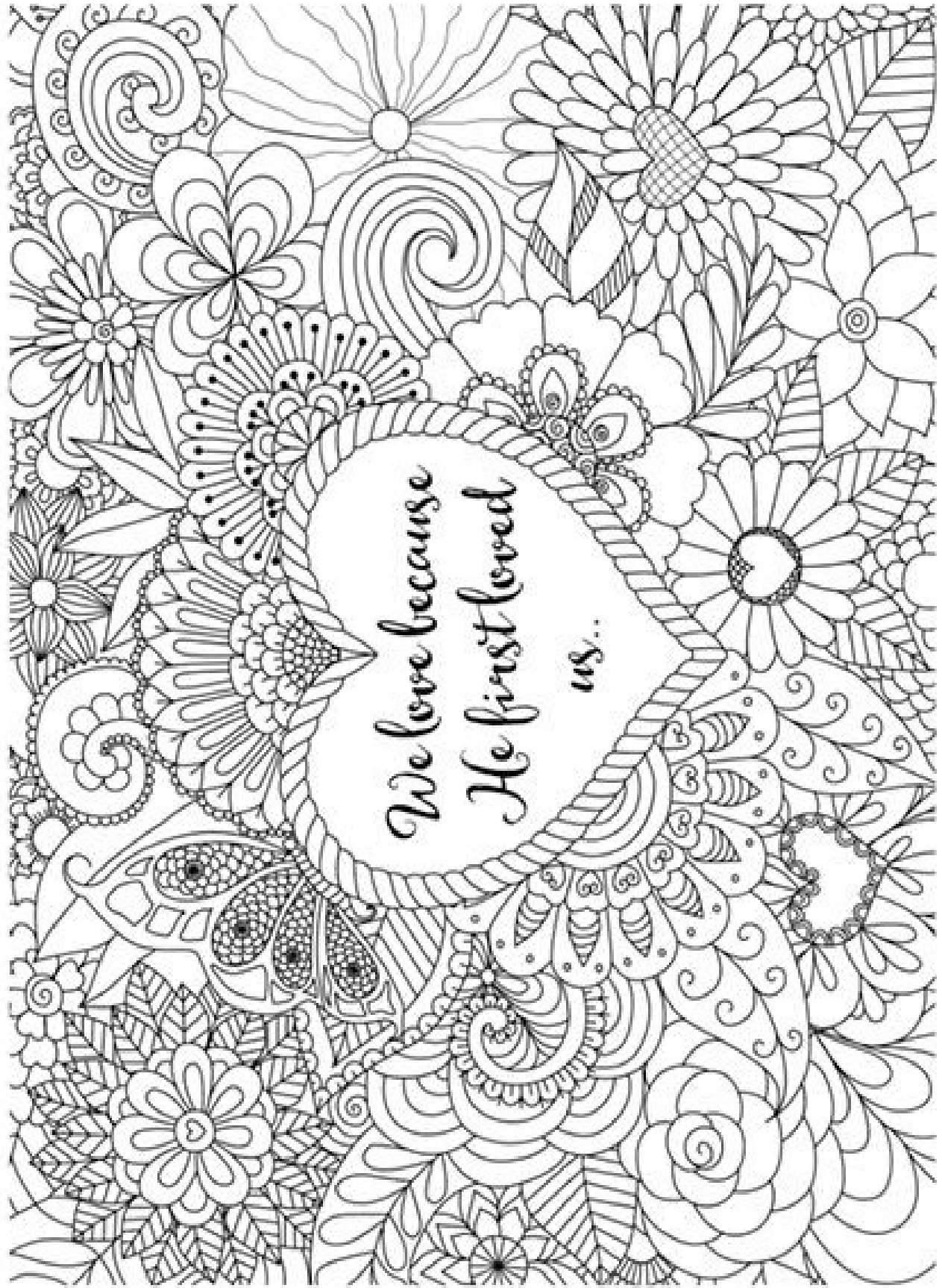
²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the entire community of Israel. He lifted his hands toward heaven, ²³ and he prayed, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in all of heaven above or on the earth below. You keep your covenant and show unfailing love to all who walk before you in wholehearted devotion. ²⁴ You have kept your promise to your servant David, my father. You made that promise with your own mouth, and with your own hands you have fulfilled it today.

⁴⁶ "If they sin against you—and who has never sinned?—you might become angry with them and let their enemies conquer them and take them captive to their land far away or near. ⁴⁷ But in that land of exile, they might turn to you in repentance and pray, 'We have sinned, done evil, and acted wickedly.' ⁴⁸ If they turn to you with their whole heart and soul in the land of their enemies and pray toward the land you gave to their ancestors—toward this city you have chosen, and toward this Temple I have built to honor your name— ⁴⁹ then hear their prayers and their petition from heaven where you live, and uphold their cause. ⁵⁰ Forgive your people who have sinned against you. Forgive all the offenses they have committed against you. Make their captors merciful to them, ⁵¹ for they are your people—your special possession—whom you brought out of the iron-smelting furnace of Egypt.

⁵² "May your eyes be open to my requests and to the requests of your people Israel. May you hear and answer them whenever they cry out to you. ⁵³ For when you brought our ancestors out of Egypt, O Sovereign LORD, you told your servant Moses that you had set Israel apart from all the nations of the earth to be your own special possession."

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!



*We love because
He first loved
us.*

The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:44-53



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RISE
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