

**covenant**  
children's ministries

Sunday, May 3, 2026

## Dear parents of young worshipers,

Welcome! We are delighted to have you and your children worshipping with us this morning. Our goal each Sunday is to glorify and enjoy the God Who made us and saved us by His grace.

This bulletin was designed to help your children follow along with this morning's worship service. Here are some ideas to guide you:

- \* Have children use the **stickers** provided as they follow along with this morning's liturgy. We've included some **brief definitions** for various parts of the liturgy to help you as you guide your child through the worship service.
- \* Encourage your children to **color (or draw)** the main points of this morning's sermon as you listen together.
- \* Help your children as they listen for the answer to the **question for young worshipers** during the sermon.
- \* Check out the back of the bulletin for suggestions on **preparing for next week's worship service!** (Practicing can be especially helpful for young worshipers who cannot yet read!)

If you have any questions about our church, please do not hesitate to ask.

**In Christ,  
Pastor Wiersema**

# MORNING WORSHIP

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## **Prelude**

**Think about why we are here. Get ready to worship!**



## **Call to Worship: from Psalm 52**

**God calls us to worship Him from His Word.**

*PASTOR: The steadfast love of God endures all the day.*

**PEOPLE:** I am like a green olive tree  
in the house of God.  
I trust in the steadfast love of God  
forever and ever.

*PASTOR: Let us thank him forever,  
because he has done it.*

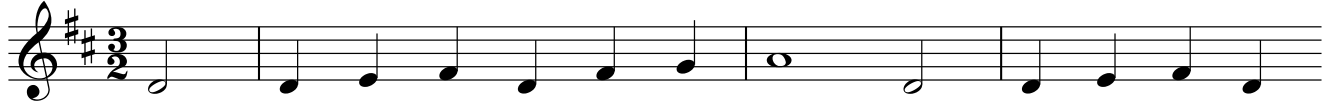
**ALL:** I will wait for your name, for it is good,  
in the presence of the godly.



# Hymn of Adoration:

## All Creatures of Our God and King #115 (vv.1-2, 4-5)

We respond to God's call to worship in praise and love!



- ▶ 1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
- ▶ 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
- ▶ 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
- ▶ 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
- ▶ 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in



- ▶ with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
- ▶ heav'n a - long, O\_\_ praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
- ▶ Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
- ▶ take your part, O\_\_ sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
- ▶ hum - ble - ness, O\_\_ praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the



- ▶ sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
- ▶ morn in praise re - jice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
- ▶ mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
- ▶ pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
- ▶ Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,



O\_\_ praise him, O\_\_ praise him, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225  
Tr. by William H. Draper, 1926

LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.  
*Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623

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## **Invocation**

**We ask God to be present with us as we worship Him.**



## **Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

**We declare what we believe about God —  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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**



# Gloria Patri

We praise God for who He is.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly



Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er



shall be, world with-out end... A - men, a - men.

2nd Cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)  
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851



# Corporate Confession of Sin: from Psalm 51

We confess our sins together as God's people.

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God,  
 according to your steadfast love;  
 according to your abundant mercy  
 blot out my transgressions.  
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
 and cleanse me from my sin!  
 For I know my transgressions,  
 and my sin is ever before me.  
 Against you, you only, have I sinned  
 and done what is evil in your sight.  
 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
 and renew a right spirit within me.



## **Silent confession**

**Confess your own sins quietly to God.**



## **Assurance of Pardon: from Psalm 51 and Colossians 2**

**God promises to forgive all those who trust in Jesus!**

*PASTOR: Let the bones that have been broken rejoice! You, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross*

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.**



# Hymn of Assurance:

## My Faith Has Found a Resting Place #468

We sing that we are forgiven and held secure by God.



1. My faith has found a rest-ing place, from guilt my soul is freed;
2. E-nough for me that Je-sus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
3. My heart is lean-ing on the Word, the writ-ten Word of God:
4. My great Phy-si-cian heals the sick, the lost he came to save;



I trust the ev-er-liv-ing One, his wounds for me shall plead.  
 a sin-ful soul I come to him, he'll nev-er cast me out.  
 sal-va-tion by my Sav-ior's name, sal-va-tion thro' his blood.  
 for me his pre-cious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.

**REFRAIN**



I need no oth-er ar-gu-ment, I need no oth-er plea,—



it is e-nough that Je-sus died, and that he died for me.

Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891  
 Alt. 1990

LANDAS C.M.ref.  
 André Grétry, 1741-1831  
 Arr. by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1891



## **Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

**We hear God's word being read and thank him for it.**

*PASTOR: This is the word of the Lord.*

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**



## **Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer**

**The pastor prays for God's Church, locally and globally,  
then we pray the prayer Jesus taught His disciples.**

**ALL: 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,  
for ever. Amen**



## Offertory: I'd Rather Have Jesus

We give back to God a portion of what He has given us.



CHOIR:

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold. I'd rather be His than have riches untold. I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands, I'd rather be led by his nail bruised hands.

CHORUS: Than be the king of a vast domain, or be held in sin's dread sway. I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause, I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause, I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame, I'd rather be true to His holy name.

He's fairer than lilies of rarest, rarest bloom. He's sweeter than honey from out of the comb, the comb. He's all that my hungering spirit needs. I'd rather be His and let Him lead. (CHORUS)

### Children's Worship (8:30 service only)

*Parents, please bring participating **children ages 4-1st grade** to meet their Worship leader in the Narthex during the following hymn. Children can be picked up downstairs in Room 13. They are also invited stay with us during the remainder of the service!*



# Hymn of Preparation:

## Christ Is Mine Forevermore

We praise God as we prepare to listen to His Word.

♩ = 72



1. Mine are days that God has num-bered I was made to walk with  
2. Mine are tears in times of sor-row dark-ness not yet un-der-  
3. Mine are days here as a stran-ger pil-grim on a nar-row



Him. Yet I look for world-ly trea-sure and for-sake the King of  
stood. Through the val-ley I must trav-el where I see no earth-ly  
way. One with Christ I will en-coun-ter harm and ha-tred for His



kings. But mine is hope in my Re-deem-er though I fall His love is  
good. But mine is peace that flows from heav-en and the strength in times of  
name. But mine is ar-mor for this bat-tle strong e-nough to last the



sure. For Christ has paid for ev-'ry fail-ing I am His for-ev-er  
need. I know my pain will not be wast-ed Christ com-pletes His work in  
war. And He has said He will de-liv-er safe-ly to the gold-en-



more. shore. And mine are keys to Zi-on Ci-ty where be-side the King I  
me.



walk. For there my heart has found its trea-sure Christ is mine for-ev-er- more. **Fine**



Come re-joice now O my soul for his love is my re-ward Fear is



gone and hope is sure Christ is mine for-ev-er- more **D.S. al Fine**  
And mine are



# Sermon: Joshua 14:1--19:51

## A Long Division (Pastor Noah)

**We listen to God's Word preached to us.**

14 These are the inheritances that the people of Israel received in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel gave them to inherit. 2 Their inheritance was by lot, just as the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses for the nine and one-half tribes. 3 For Moses had given an inheritance to the two and one-half tribes beyond the Jordan, but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them. 4 For the people of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. And no portion was given to the Levites in the land, but only cities to dwell in, with their pasturelands for their livestock and their substance. 5 The people of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses; they allotted the land.

15 The allotment for the tribe of the people of Judah...

16 The allotment of the people of Joseph...

17 Then allotment was made to the people of Manasseh, for he was the firstborn of Joseph...

18 Then the whole congregation of the people of Israel assembled at Shiloh and set up the tent of meeting there. The land lay subdued before them.

11 The lot of the tribe of the people of Benjamin...

19 The second lot came out for Simeon...

10 The third lot came up for the people of Zebulun...

17 The fourth lot came out for Issachar...

24 The fifth lot came out for the tribe of the people of Asher...

32 The sixth lot came out for the people of Naphtali...

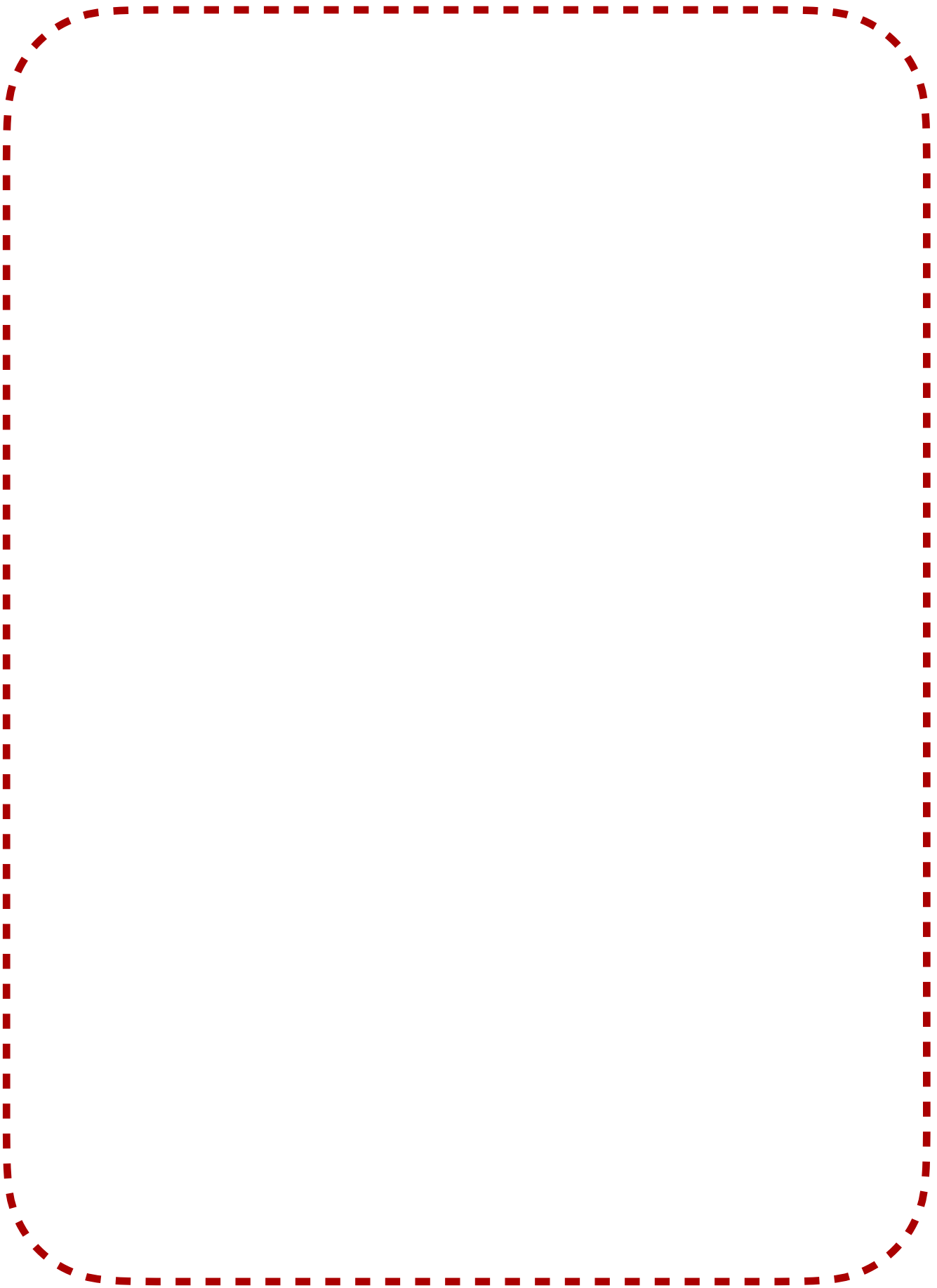
40 The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the people of Dan...

49 When they had finished distributing the several territories of the land as inheritances, the people of Israel gave an inheritance among them to Joshua the son of Nun. 50 By command of the LORD they gave him the city that he asked, Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim. And he rebuilt the city and settled in it.

51 These are the inheritances that Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel distributed by lot at Shiloh before the LORD, at the entrance of the tent of meeting. So they finished dividing the land.

### Question for young worshipers:

12 **How many years did Caleb and Joshua have to wait?**





## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper: On Jordan's Stormy Banks**

**As Christians, we share this meal - reminding us of and strengthening our union with Christ and with one another - as Jesus told His disciples to do before He was crucified.**

ALL: On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;  
there God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

REFRAIN: [men] I am bound (women echo)  
I am bound (women echo)  
[all] I am bound for Promised Land.  
[men] I am bound (women echo)  
I am bound (women echo)  
[all] I am bound for Promised Land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;  
sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

REFRAIN: [men] I am bound (women echo)  
I am bound (women echo)  
[all] I am bound for Promised Land.  
[men] I am bound (women echo)  
I am bound (women echo)  
[all] I am bound for Promised Land.

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

REFRAIN: [men] We are bound (women echo)  
We are bound (women echo)  
[all] We are bound for Promised Land.  
[men] We are bound (women echo)  
We are bound (women echo)  
[all] We are bound for Promised Land.

**★ Parents, if you think your child or children are ready to come to the table, please contact your fold elder or a pastor.**



## Benediction

The pastor proclaims a blessing on God's people.



## Doxology

We praise God and call others to praise Him!



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures



here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.  
Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter 1551



## The Peace of Christ

We greet one another and are sent out on our way.

PASTOR: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

ALL: **And also with you!**

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Musicians – Brent Johnson, Piano; Bekah Marsh, Vocals; Dan Fager, Guitar & Vocals;  
Jesse Herche, Violin; Tim Cole, Choir Director

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## Join us for Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.!

Check in downstairs at the Children's Ministry Desk to learn more!

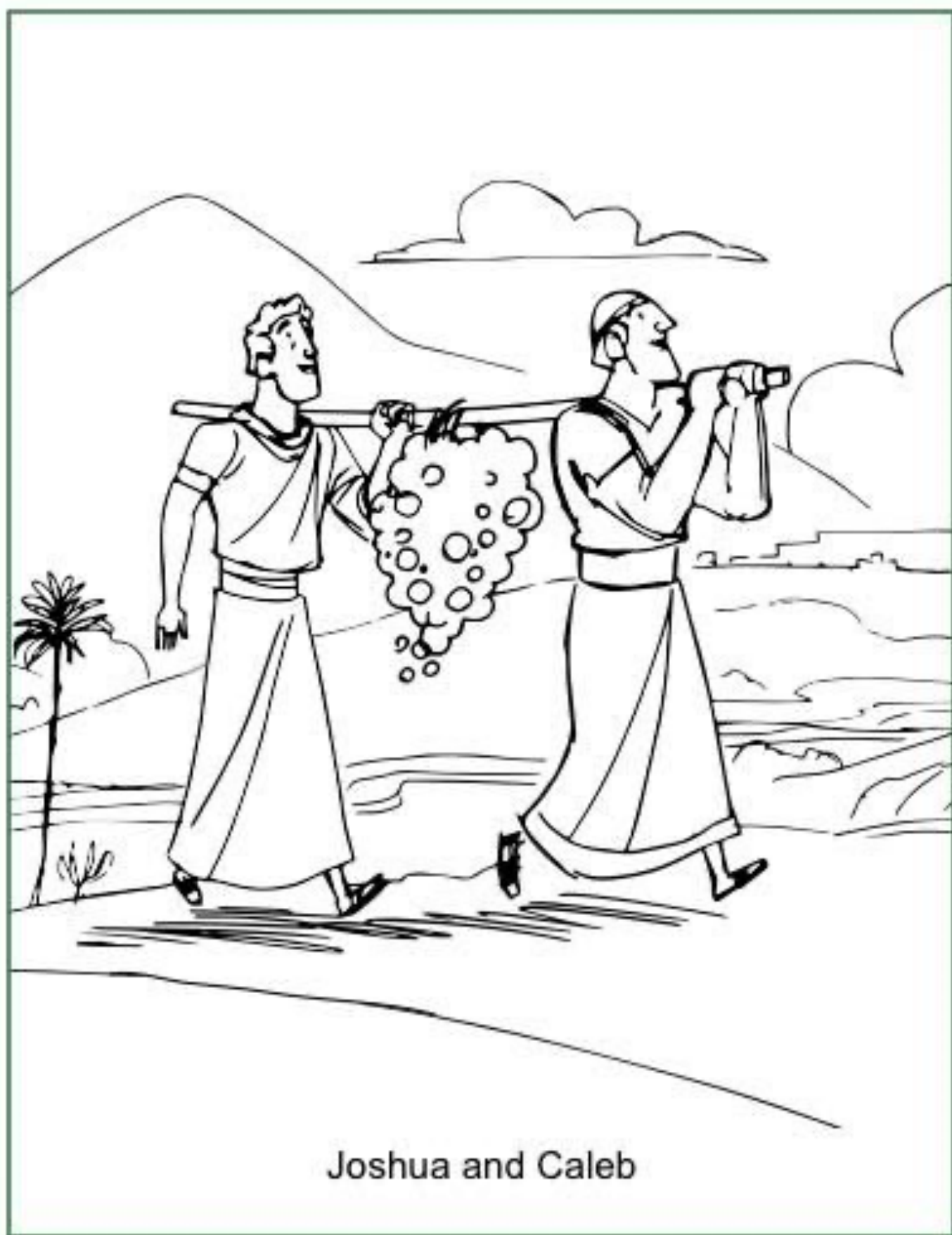
### Preparing for next week's worship service

We know that **training our children to worship** does not happen overnight. Especially for children who are not yet able to read, worship services can be difficult to follow, much less participate in! By practicing some of the elements of the service at home as a family during the week as you are able, your child(ren) can be prepared for what to say and sing along with the congregation.

- **PRAY:** We need the Lord's help as we train our children in worship. Even our best efforts to prepare them will fall flat without His aid!
- **MEMORIZE:** Work on memorizing **The Apostles' Creed** and **The Lord's Prayer** with your child(ren). We say these almost every week! In addition, we almost always include one or more of the following songs: the **Doxology**, the **Gloria Patri**, and the **Threefold Amen**.
- **PRACTICE:** You can scan the QR code to find a Spotify playlist with hymns commonly sung in our service and other worshipful hymns.







Joshua and Caleb



By the grace of the Triune God, Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to form and send disciples with passion for God and compassion for people.

#### **Statement of Faith**

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), which believes that the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God and holds to that system of doctrine summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith & Catechisms.

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