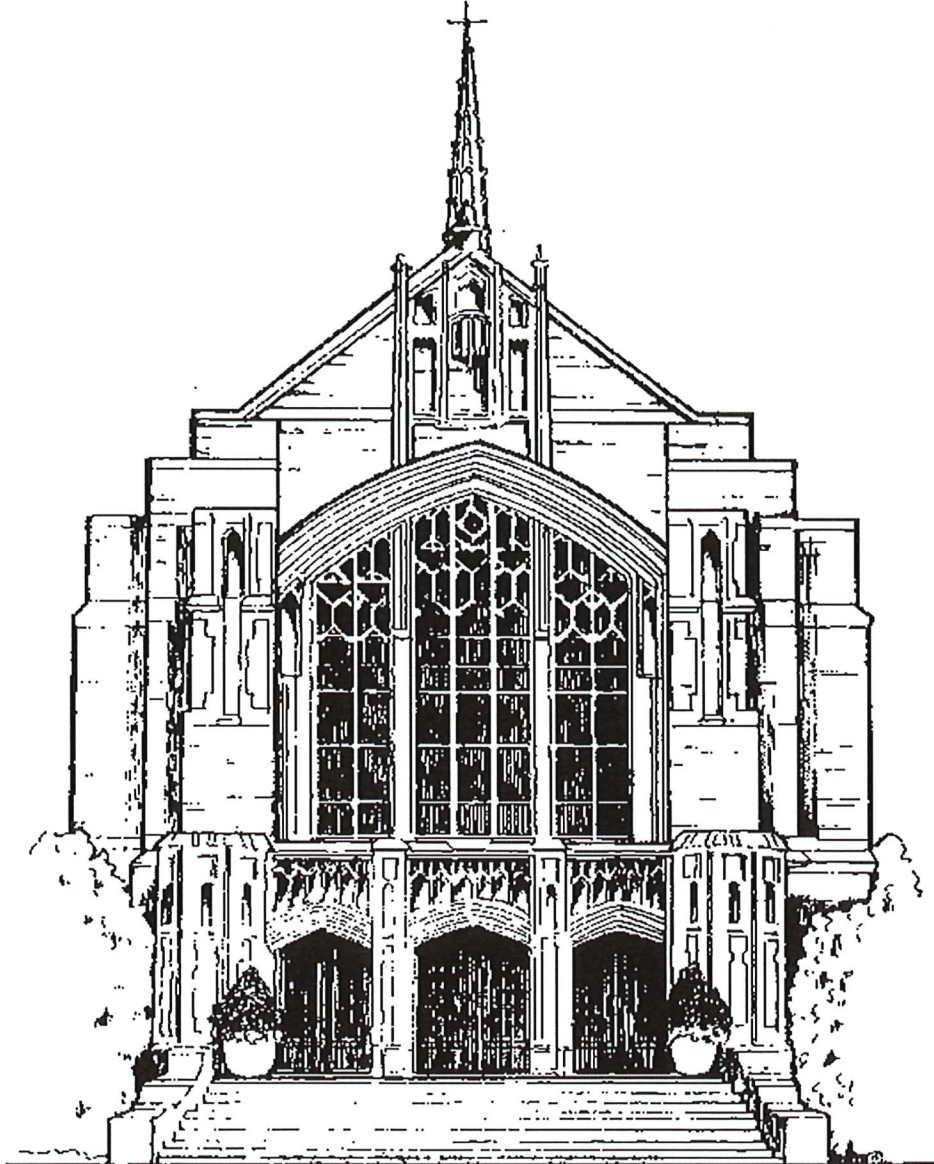




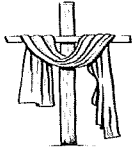
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The First Baptist Church at Worship  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 30, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

“Wondrous Love” and Variation ..... Samuel Barber  
Two Stations from *The Way of the Cross* ..... Marcel Dupré  
“Elevation” (*Suite Médiévale*): “Adorodevote” ..... Jean Langlais

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir  
William Henry Caldwell, Director

Bless His Holy Name ..... Andraé Crouch

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
He has done great things, he has done great things, he has done great things, bless his holy name.*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*) – Psalm 32:1-7

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

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

**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

\*OPENING HYMN

#186 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
HAMBURG

A cross is an instrument of suffering and death, fear and shame. We ought to look on it with loathing. And yet, through the sacrifice of Christ, the very “Prince of glory,” the cross has become “wondrous,” capable of inspiring admiration, gratitude, and love.

## Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Bob Kerr

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:11-32

Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*FELLOWSHIP HYMN (See pgs. 5-6)

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*  
HUDSON

This hymn by Isaac Watts was first published in 1707. The words describe the crucifixion of Jesus and reflect on an appropriate personal response to this event. The hymn is commonly sung with a refrain added in 1885 by Ralph Hudson, who was born in Napoleon, OH. He served in the Union Army in the Civil War. After teaching for five years at Mt. Union College in Alliance, he established his own publishing company in that city. He was a strong prohibitionist and published *The Temperance Songster* in 1886. He compiled several other collections and supplied tunes for many gospel songs.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs (Room 4) after the Children’s Message for a “One Room Sunday School” class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*  
LEMMEL

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of His glory and grace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and  
THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Rev. Alspaugh

**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.**

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

I Am His Child ..... Moses Hogan

*I may not be all that you are. I may not be a shining star, but what I am, I thank the Lord for making me his child. Thank you Lord for hearing every prayer. Thank you Lord for just being there. Thank you Lord. Thank you Lord for I am not worthy of your love. I may not be all that you are. I may not be a shining star, but what I am, I thank the Lord for making me his child. So don't use me or abuse me for I am his child. Don't tease me or mistreat me for I am his child. You can even talk about me, but I am still his child.*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*“Reconciled to God”*

The Response of God’s People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#171 *What Wondrous Love Is This*  
WONDROUS LOVE

Hymns have a way of weaving themselves into our own life stories. Laura de Jong shares about a worship service in which "What Wondrous Love" took on a new, more urgent meaning in her life: Each year Calvin

College hosts a Tenebrae service for students and local churches. I've had the privilege of helping to lead a number of these, but there is one service in particular that I will never forget. This was the second year that we had used the first two lines of "What Wondrous Love" as a refrain sung throughout the service after each Scripture reading. As we heard and reflected on the last hours of Christ, each time we sang this refrain it was more and more powerful. Near the very end of the service, as we sang this refrain during the "Shadow of the Crucifixion," an older visitor from down the road slumped against his wife, having just suffered a fatal heart attack. The congregation sat in tears and prayer as campus safety administered CPR and a defibrillator, to no avail. In the midst of this reflection on Christ's suffering for our sake, this man had gone home to be with his Savior. As I left that place, the last stanza of the hymn came to mind: "And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on." Indeed, what wondrous love this is, that frees us from the fear of death, and causes us to lift our voices in wonder at the love of the Lamb.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

3 Fold Amen  
Danish

*Amen*

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

"Canzona" (*Folkloric Suite*): "Through Adam's Fall" ..... Jean Langlais



(\* ) You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop off your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.  
Thank you for supporting the ministry of the church!*

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**Let's do  
Lunch!**

*Today is 'last call' for you to make your menu selections for the Palm Sunday Luncheon to be held on April 13. Please check out Chef Grey's menu on page 11, make your selections, and place it in the offering basket or in the church office.*

FELLOWSHIP HYMN

PAGE 1 OF 2

359 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

1. A - lost and did my Sav - ior bleed, and  
 2. Was it for crimes that I have done, he  
 3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and  
 4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face white  
 5. But drops of tears can ne'er re - pay the

did my Sov - ereign die? Would he de - vote that  
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y!  
 shut its glo - ries in, when God, the might - y  
 his dear cross ap - pears; dis - solve my heart in  
 debt of love I owe. Here, Lord, I give my -

sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
 Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - greet  
 weak - er, died for his own crea - ture's sin.  
 thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes to tears.  
 self a - ways 'tis all that I can do.

*Refrain*

At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707; refrain by Ralph E. Hudson, 1835  
 MUSIC: Anon.; arr. by Ralph E. Hudson, ca. 1885

HUDSON  
 CM with Refrain

light, and the bur - den of my heart rolled a - way;

it was there by faith I re - ceived my sight,

and now I am hap - py all the day.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to our worship service!** If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcdayton.org/>).

### Prayer for the Armed Forces

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Prayers of the People

*(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)*

Laura Bayless	Barbara Jett	Roger Stephens
Clara Black	Carole Lasley	Anne Veghte
Jessica Blair	Gene Lee	Cynthia Whittaker
Gail Bowman	Vincent Liss	Williams Family
Don Brown	Tom McKenzie	Sharon Wingham
Linda Ginter-Brown	Lisa McMullen	
Gerald Busch	Melissa Mikesell	<b><i>Military Duty:</i></b>
Mark Craig	Tonya Mitchell & Family	Sebastian Ewald
Pamela Cress	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sunny Ewald
Kerby Downs	Susan Parent	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Lavanda Ferguson	Petry Family	Kyle Kline
Bill Harrell	David See	Andy Wilson
Debbie Harshman	Judy See	

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

### Week of March 30 – April 6

Sun. 30	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
Tue. 1	4:00p	.....	IFGD Meeting
Wed. 2	6:00p	.....	Lenten Study (CEC)
Thu. 3	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 6	10:00a	.....	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages



**LAST CALL!**  
**America for Christ Offering 2025:**  
**Grace in Turbulent Times**  
March Offering

The AFC Offering is a vital resource that empowers us to support life-changing ministry programs. Your contributions support creating new, innovative ministries; developing church leaders; aiding children who are impoverished; supporting the work of chaplains and spiritual caregivers; promoting discipleship; preserving critical American Baptist spaces; and making higher education more affordable through scholarships. Each gift represents an act of compassion and solidarity, bringing us closer to God's vision of a world shaped by love, compassion, peace, and justice. Please give generously this month. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

***Faith & Film in Lent***

**March 9 – April 6 @ 11:30am-12:15pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Floor - Chapel**

**Led by Rev. Jason Alspaugh**

Our *Faith & Film* class returns this year during the Season of Lent. Together we will discuss a variety of films and consider how elements in them echo and intersect with our faith and the Gospel. We encourage folks to view the films ahead of time, but will also be sharing clips during the class to help facilitate discussion. If you'd like to organize a "watch party" with others, or need help accessing a film, Pastor Jason can assist ([jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org)).

**Schedule of Movies:**

March	9	<i>The Wild Robot</i> (2024);
	16	<i>Conclave</i> (2024)
	23	<i>Leave the World Behind</i> (2023)
	30	<i>The Six Triple Eight</i> (2024)
April	6	<i>Flow</i> (2024)

**2025 Lenten Study Opportunity**

**Wednesdays @ 6pm – March 19-April 9**

**Christ Episcopal Church (20 W First St)**

**Gathering in the Parish Hall**

We once again have an opportunity to join with our folks at Christ Episcopal for a midweek time of fellowship and Bible study during the upcoming Season of Lent. In this year's Lenten series, we will explore five "feminist killjoys" of the Hebrew Bible—i.e., biblical women whose disruptive unhappiness threatens the simple black-and-white morality of the stories around them. Although their tales are ancient, these five "antiheroes" can still teach us how to wrestle faithfully with God's word. This class will be taught by Dr. Esther Brownsmith, an assistant professor of Hebrew Bible at the University of Dayton and a Christ Episcopal Church parishioner. **A simple soup supper is also provided at these gatherings, and last year we helped to provide the soups, bread and salads for one of the gatherings. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Pastor Jason ([jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org)).** Below is the study schedule. The soup supper is served at 6pm, and the program starts at 6:15pm.

**Wednesday, March 19, 6:15pm — Tamar the Brazen**

**Wednesday, March 26, 6:15pm — Miriam the Proud**

**Wednesday, April 2, 6:15pm — Michal the Offended**

**Wednesday, April 9, 6:15pm — Jezebel the Harlot**

## April Church Meetings

### Board Meetings

Wednesday, April 9 @ 6:30pm

### Executive Council

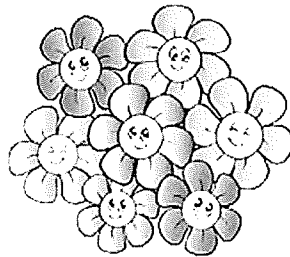
There will be no meeting in April.

## COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 12 @ 2pm

Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church  
960 W. Dorothy Lane, Kettering

Join our folks at DLABC for snacks, the Easter Story, and hunt for lots of eggs filled with lots of goodies. Bring your Easter basket to put your eggs in. They will also be collecting new, packaged underwear to donate to Underwear for All. They are a local non-profit that donates underwear to kids in the foster care system and also to people who are unhoused.



## EASTER FLOWERS Orders & Dedications

You are invited to share in the decoration of the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter Sunday, April 20. A special insert on Easter Sunday will include names of donors and names of those in whose memory or honor a flower is given. A gift of \$20 is suggested. **Please turn in your order/dedication by Monday, April 14.** If you write a check, make it payable to First Baptist Church and please note 'Easter Flowers' on the memo line.

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## EASTER FLOWER ORDER / DEDICATION (PLEASE PRINT)



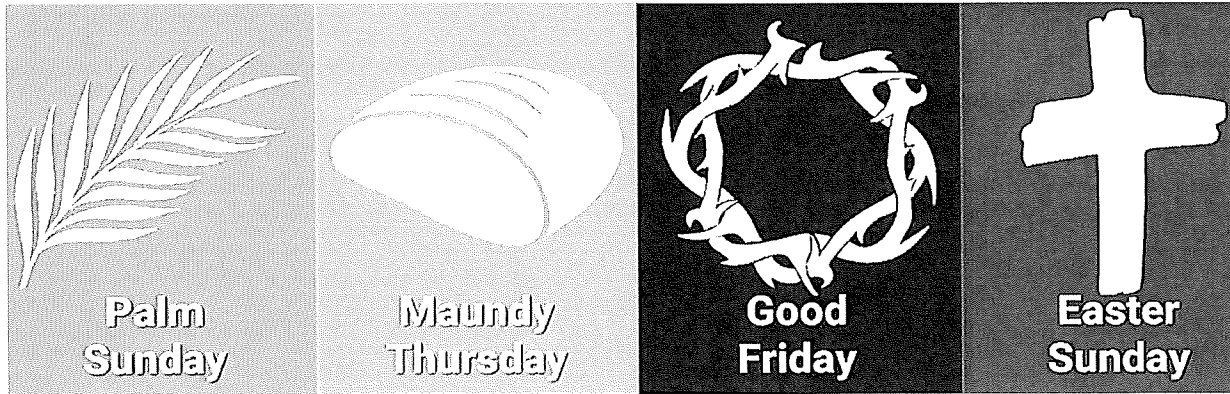
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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 will be mailed by 4/14/25



# Holy Week 2025

The events of Holy Week recall the last days of Jesus' life, from his entry into Jerusalem on a donkey amid crowds with palm branches through his time in the Garden, arrest, and trial to his crucifixion. We invite you to join in any and all of the following opportunities, as we seek to observe a holy Lent and ponder anew the love of God through Christ's life, death, and resurrection.



## April 13: Palm Sunday

10am - Worship Service  
11:15am - Palm Sunday Luncheon

## April 17: Maundy Thursday

6:30pm – Agape Meal at Christ Episcopal Church



## April 18: Good Friday

Noon – Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace  
2pm – Soup Luncheon at First Baptist Church of Dayton



## April 20: Easter Sunday

10am – Worship at First Baptist Church of Dayton

Special Music

Flowering of the Cross

*(Bring some fresh cut flowers for the cross!)*



# Palm Sunday Luncheon Menu

Please indicate your preferences and place it in the offering basket or  
in the church office.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
PALM SUNDAY  
4-13-25



*First Baptist Church*  
M E N U

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERRED  
MENU OPTION BELOW

BY CIRCLING YOUR MENU OPTIONS

PROTEIN

PLEASE SELECT ONE

CITRUS COD FILLET - CHICKEN THIGHS - GARLIC LAMB CHOPS

PLEASE SELECT TWO  
SIDE OR 3

SWEETPEAS & LEEKS - GLAZED CARROTS - ROASTED POTATOES  
SEARED GREEN BEANS

DESERT

C A K E

VANILLA - CHOCOLATE

NAME/S OR FIRST TIME VISTOR \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS OR REQUEST BELOW.

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RETURN BY LAST SUNDAY OF MARCH

THANK YOU FOR SHARING THIS PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON WITH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
11 W. MONUMENT STREET, DAYTON, 45402  
CHEF GREY


## Send

### Sharing a meal

In Jesus' story, the father had a big party to celebrate his son's return. What is something we can do to remember Jesus' love for us? To find the answer, write the letter that is added to the second word in each blank. Then read the answer.

on	→	one	—
get	→	gate	—
go	→	got	—
AND			
an	→	and	—
at	→	rat	—
ran	→	rain	—
sad	→	sand	—
thin	→	think	—



 Dear God, thank you for the meals we share. Amen

### This week


Help your family prepare a special meal to celebrate God's love and forgiveness.

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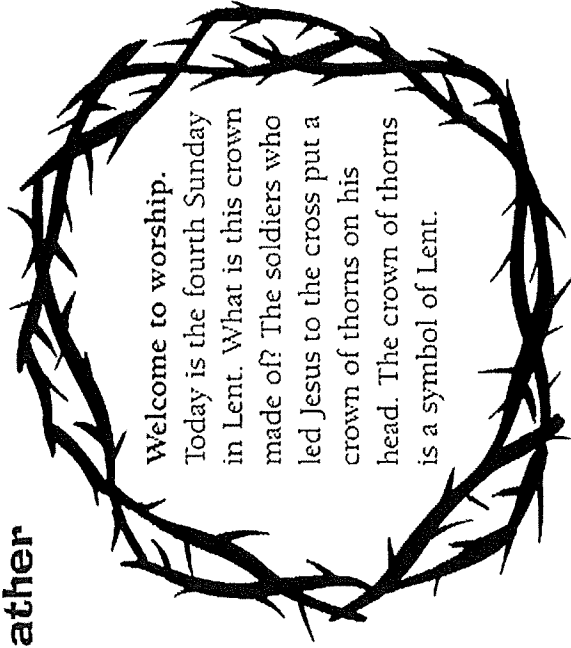
**C-Lent 4**

# Kids Celebrate

Fourth Sunday in Lent



## gather



Welcome to worship.  
Today is the fourth Sunday in Lent. What is this crown made of? The soldiers who led Jesus to the cross put a crown of thorns on his head. The crown of thorns is a symbol of Lent.



Thorns protect the beauty of the rose, the sweet juice of the pineapple, and the water of the cactus.



Crowns of thorns can remind you that sadness comes before the joy of Easter.



Look for something rough or scratchy in your worship space.

## hear & celebrate

### A father forgives his son

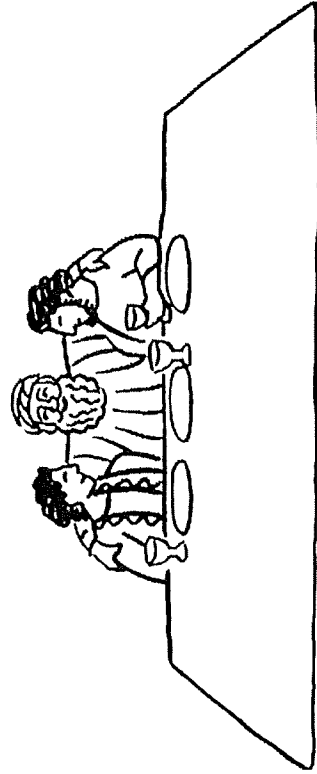
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus told this story:

A man had two sons. The younger son asked his father to give him his half of the family's money. Then the younger son traveled to a faraway land, where he spent all of his money. He had to live with pigs on a pig farm. The younger son knew he would have a better life if he returned home, so he finally headed home.

When the father saw his younger son, he was happy and hugged him. The father had a big party. The older son was angry, though. He worked hard for his father, but his father never had a party for him. The father said to his older son, "Son, you are always with me. But we're having a party because your brother was lost and has been found."

**Draw plenty of food for the party.**



### Eating and drinking

In the story Jesus told, the father had a big party because his younger son came home. We celebrate God's love and forgiveness for us by eating and drinking, too. This meal is called Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper or the eucharist (YOU-car-ist). Everyone has a place at God's table.

**Draw the altar in your worship space.**

**Draw bread and wine on top of it.**

