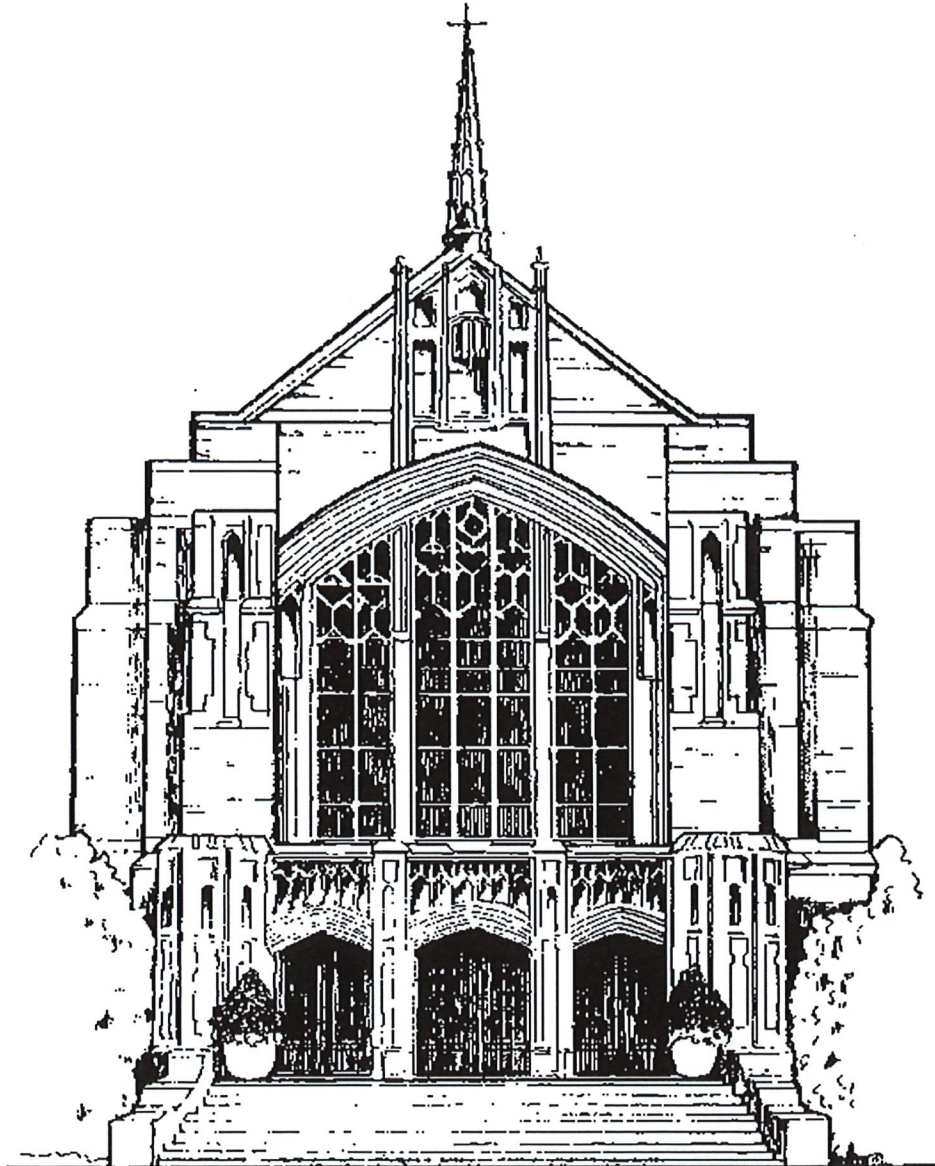




First Baptist Church of Dayton  
A WELCOMING & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

## Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025



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The First Baptist Church at Worship  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
April 27, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

"Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands" and "Christ is arisen" ..... J. S. Bach  
"O Sons and Daughters" ..... Jean François Dandrieu  
"Cantique" (Folkloric Suite) ..... 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  
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

My Tribute ..... Andraé Crouch

*To God be the glory for the things He has done.  
With His blood He has saved me, with His power he has raised me,  
to God be the glory for the things He has done .-*

\*WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 150)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

**Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

**Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#1 *Holy, Holy, Holy*  
NICAEA

In 325 AD, Church leaders convened in the town of Nicaea in Bithynia to formulate a consensus of belief and practice amongst Christians. What resulted was the Nicene Creed, a document passed on through the ages as one of the pillars of church doctrine. The primary function of this creed was to establish a firm belief in the Trinity, countering the heresy of Arius, who believed that Jesus was not fully divine. It was this creed that inspired Reginald Heber to write this great hymn of praise to the Triune God, with the intent that the hymn be sung before or after the creed was recited in a service, and on Trinity Sunday – eight weeks after Easter. The tune, composed by John B. Dykes for Heber's text, is also titled NICAEA in recognition of Heber's text. The words evoke a sense of awe at the majesty of God, and call on all of creation – humans, saints and angels, and all living things – to praise the Godhead three-in-one.

# Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 1:4-8

Rev. Mark Craig

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

Rev. Craig

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

*#222 Thine Be the Glory*  
MACCABEUS

This hymn perfectly displays the glory and brilliance of Christ's resurrection. The first stanza discusses the power of the resurrection, the second verse tells Christ's people to shed their doubt now that Christ has conquered the grave, the third verse tells us to quench our fear now that the Prince of peace reigns. The powerful lyrics and the universally-liked tune no doubt led to the hymn's enormous popularity.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. David Coggins

(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

#365 v.1 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*  
MORE LOVE TO THEE

**More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee, this is my earnest plea:  
more love, O Christ, to Thee, more love to Thee, more love to Thee!**

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

Rev. Coggins

**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  
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

Let All the World ..... Robert Baker

*Let all the world in every corner sing my God and King. The heavens are not too high. His praise may  
thither fly. The Earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing my  
God and King. The church with psalms must shout no door can keep them out. No door can keep them out,  
but above all the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing.  
My God and King, my God and King. Sing, sing, sing.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*"That We Might Believe"*

The Response of God's People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#361 *My Jesus, I Love Thee*  
GORDON

This hymn perfectly displays the glory and brilliance of Christ's resurrection. The first stanza discusses the power of the resurrection, the second verse tells Christ's people to shed their doubt now that Christ has conquered the grave, the third verse tells us to quench our fear now that the Prince of peace reigns. The powerful lyrics and the universally-liked tune no doubt led to the hymns' enormous popularity.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

#523 *God Be With You*  
GOD BE WITH YOU

*God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Fugue on "O filii" (Folkloric Suite) ..... 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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## 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	David See
Clara Black	Karen Johnson	Judy See
Jessica Blair	Carole Lasley	Roger Stephens
Gail Bowman	Gene Lee	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Vincent Liss	Cynthia Whittaker
Linda Ginter-Brown	Tom McKenzie	Williams Family
Gerald Busch	Lisa McMullen	Sharon Wingham
Mark Craig	Melissa Mikesell	<b>Military Duty:</b>
Pamela Cress	Tonya Mitchell & Family	Sebastian Ewald
Kerby Downs	Shirley Nash	Sunny Ewald
Lavanda Ferguson	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Bill Harrell	Susan Parent	Kyle Kline
Debbie Harshman	Petry Family	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

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### Chancel Flowers

*The chancel flowers this morning are given by Mary Herbert  
in loving memory of her father, Logan Herbert,  
who passed away on April 30, 1958.*

# Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton

Proudly announces IFGD Project 2025

## Neighboring Faith Series: Session Three



### Sikh Society of Dayton

2320 Harshman Road  
Riverside OH 45424

IFGD invites the Greater Dayton Community to participate in Neighboring Faith Series. Join us to visit different Faith congregations. Observe worship services of different religious traditions.

*Meet experts and ask questions on the featured faith/tradition.  
Engage in lively discussion on ways to make our faith communities stronger.*

IFGD members represent *Bahai, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islam, Jain, Jew, Sikh, Unitarian Universalist, and other Faith traditions.*

## WHEN:

**Sunday, April 27, 2025 @ 3:30-6:30 pm.**

*(You may join/depart at your convenience.)*

**Enjoy complementary vegetarian snacks.**

### Dress code:

Shoes off at the entrance and head covered with scarf or handkerchief. Comfortable attire to sit on the carpeted floor (chairs available if needed).

### For more information:

Contact Dr. Sehbi at 937 369 6010

## Week of April 27 – May 4

Sun. 27	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
	3:30p	.....	IFGD Neighboring Faith Series (Sikh Society)
Thu. 1	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 4	10:00a	.....	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
	4:00p	.....	Cincinnati Youth Choir in Concert (FBC)

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

### *Church History: Medieval Christianity*

Led by Dr. Roy Vice

Back for one more session this Sunday, April 27 @ 11:30am-12:15pm

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

We once again welcome Dr. Roy Vice as he shares his knowledge of pivotal moments in Church History, this time focusing on Medieval Christianity. The High Middle Ages were the Golden Age of building the great Gothic Cathedrals. Gothic architecture has pointed arches, ribbed vaulting and flying buttresses. Some cathedrals have as much stone below ground as above. Notre Dame de Paris is just the most famous of these cathedrals. This was also the era of the growth of universities and Scholasticism, the effort by Thomas Aquinas and others to integrate the philosophy of Aristotle into Christian theology. This revival of learning was very influential. After 1300 the weather turned colder and wetter and there were famines. The Ottoman Turks began to conquer land in Turkey and Greece. During most of the 14th century the papacy was in Avignon, France and the popes built a magnificent palace. John Wyclif criticized the wealth and worldliness of the church. To add to the suffering, The Bubonic Plague swept through Europe killing around a third of the population. Finally, the Hundred Years' War between England and France broke out. Ultimately, the new Nation States began to emerge...



## Cincinnati Youth Choir in Concert

Sunday, May 4 @ 4:00pm

First Baptist Church of Dayton

On Sunday, May 4 at 4:00pm, First Baptist Church of Dayton will host the world renowned Cincinnati Youth Choir. The group performs often with the Cincinnati Symphony and May Festival and at state and national music festivals. The group is under the direction of Robyn Lana and will perform selections of all periods and styles. The concert is open and free to the public. A free will offering will be taken and a reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend and come out to enjoy an afternoon of wonderful music!

## May Church Meetings

### Board Meetings

Wednesday, May 14 @ 6:30pm

### Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 21 @ 6:30pm

## With Many Thanks from Angela and Melody!

Thank you so much for the prayers, pastoral visits, kindness and loving support that was presented to our Mother, Mrs. Dorothy Williams. When she was unable to attend the services, she watched the livestream services. God bless and thank you! --The Williams Family

## Governor's Awards for the Arts

FBC Music Director, Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Award Recipient

The Governor's Awards for the Arts, Ohio's most prestigious biennial arts event, will take place at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel on **Wednesday, May 28 at 11:30 a.m.** This year, 10 Ohioans whose exceptional artistic contributions and achievements strengthen our state each and every day will be honored. Each award winner receives an original piece of artwork created specifically for the event by an Ohio artist and the opportunity to share their story with other arts supporters statewide. Congratulations William!! **Help to celebrate 60 years of public funding for the arts through the Ohio Arts Council through your ticket purchase. Individual tickets are available for \$60 per person via EventBrite: <https://tinyurl.com/nh2myu7>**

## BYF Lock-In!

Our overnight Lock-In will begin at 7pm on Friday, May 16 and end at 9:30am on Saturday, May 17. We will share food, play games, share in evening prayers, and more. Youth are invited to bring a snack or beverage to share, and can also bring movies and/or games to propose to the group. Youth are welcome to invite their friends, but everyone needs to have turned in a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation Form in order to participate. Print copies are available on the table by the church office.

## Founders Sunday Scheduled for May 18, 2025

*"Keep your eyes peeled" on the steeple  
as we rededicate this "Beacon of Light."*

This year the church will celebrate Founders Day on Sunday, May 18 (one week earlier) due to traffic concerns over the Memorial Day weekend related to the NATO Summit. Sunday service will start at 10AM, followed by a luncheon prepared by Chef Grey. On Founder's Sunday we take time to honor those who have been members of FBC for 50 years or more during our Sunday morning worship service. Not only do we recognize them for their contributions given in the past, we are mindful that they make significant contributions to the life of the church in the present. More details to come, but for now mark your calendar—May 18!



## Education/Youth Sunday Sunday, June 1, 2025



Each year we take time in worship to recognize those who have served in the education ministry of our church—Sunday School teachers, Vacation Bible School volunteers, Children's Messengers, and others. And we celebrate those who are graduating from high schools or universities. **CALL FOR GRADUATES!** If you or someone in your family will be graduating this spring, we would be happy to include you/them in our list of graduates. Contact the church office ([fbc@fbccdayton.org](mailto:fbc@fbccdayton.org)) with the graduate's name, institution of learning, and degree if applicable; or you may include the info on a yellow card on Sunday. Also it would be helpful to know if you/they will be present in worship on that Sunday.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School  
July 7-11, 2025 @ 9:30AM - Noon  
For Grades PreK – 5th



## BE A PART OF FBC DAYTON'S PRIDE PLANNING TEAM

We are once again planning to participate in Dayton Pride this year (June 7). If you would like to help with our preparations and/or join us in the parade and/or at our booth, please contact Pastor Jason ([jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org)). Here is a description of this year's theme:

### Greater Dayton LGBT Center Announces Theme for Dayton Pride™ 2025: "Patchwork of Pride – Today, Tomorrow, Together"

Greater Dayton LGBT Center and the Dayton Pride Partnership are thrilled to announce the theme for the 2025 Dayton Pride™ Celebration: "Patchwork of Pride – Today, Tomorrow, Together." This year's celebration will take place on June 6-7 offering a vibrant and meaningful weekend to honor the LGBTQ+ community.

**A Theme That Celebrates Unity and Diversity:** "Patchwork of Pride" highlights the beauty, strength, and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community. Like a patchwork quilt created from diverse and colorful pieces, our community's rich tapestry is formed by unique identities, experiences, and cultures. Together, these elements create a powerful reminder of the strength found in diversity and unity.

**Today- Honoring Our Progress:** This theme encourages us to celebrate the progress made as a community. It's an opportunity to reflect on milestones, honor the contributions of activists and allies, and take pride in the vibrant culture we share.

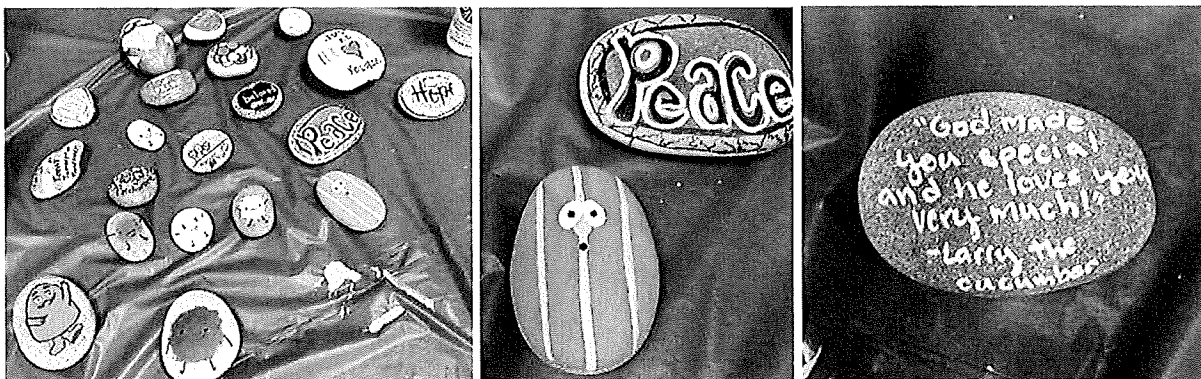
**Tomorrow- Building an Inclusive Future:** Looking forward, "Patchwork of Pride" emphasizes the importance of continued advocacy for LGBTQ+ rights. It calls on all members and allies to work toward a future of greater inclusivity and equity.

**Together-Strength in Solidarity:** Above all, this theme underscores the power of unity. By standing together and embracing our differences, we create a supportive network that uplifts every individual within the LGBTQ+ community.

Mark your calendars for June 6-7, and join us in celebrating the "Patchwork of Pride" that defines our shared journey. Together, let's honor the past, learn from the present, and build a brighter tomorrow.

### ALSO...HELP US MAKE PRIDE ROCKS @ FBC DAYTON

One of the really popular and appreciated items we give away at our booth at Dayton Pride have been Pride Rocks—i.e., painted rocks with beautiful images and words of affirmation. Rev. Dr. Karen Johnson has been tremendously helpful in making and providing these in recent years, but we'd like to invite others to join in this creative endeavor. There are rocks and painting supplies available on a table in the parlor next to the fellowship hall, where folks of all ages can make pride rocks for us to hand out at the summer festival. Thanks in advance for your help!

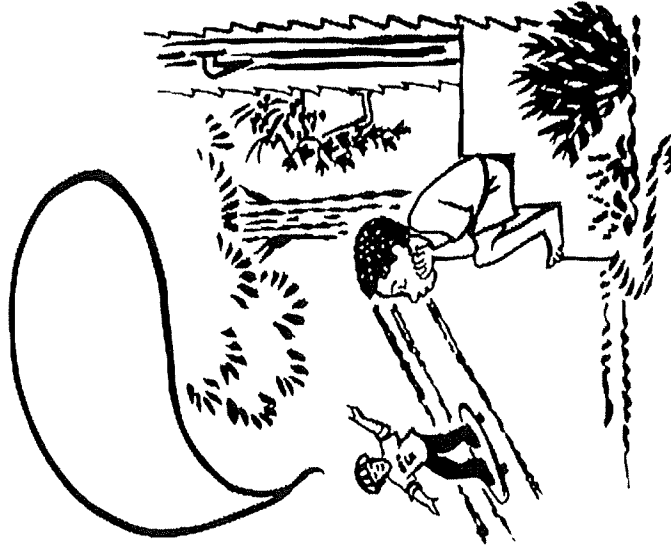


## Send

### Go in peace

At the end of worship we hear, "Go in peace. Serve the Lord." We leave ready to share God's peace with others!

Write some words inside this cartoon balloon to show how you could share God's peace with this child.



Dear God, remind me to share your peace every day. Amen

## This week

Draw and cut out a beautiful butterfly. Hang it in your window. Leave it up for six weeks to celebrate the Easter season.

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C-Easter 2



## gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the second Sunday of Easter. Did you know that the season of Easter lasts for 50 days? For seven weeks we sing happy alleluias to celebrate Jesus' new life. The butterfly is a symbol of new life. From a dead-looking chrysalis (KRIS-ah-liss) hatches a beautiful butterfly.



Draw the butterfly hatching.

# hear & celebrate

## Jesus gives us peace

John 20:19-31

The first Easter evening Jesus' disciples met in a locked room. They were afraid they were in trouble because they were Jesus' followers. Suddenly Jesus stood with them. They were surprised. Jesus said, "Peace be with you!" Thomas didn't believe Jesus was alive again until he touched the nail holes in Jesus' hands. Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

## Sharing the peace

Jesus said, "Peace be with you," three times when he came to visit the disciples. Jesus' words of peace are for us, too.

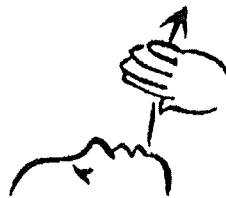
When people share the peace during worship they welcome each other with Jesus' words, hugs, and handshakes. Today try sharing the peace with someone new.



**You can share the peace with someone who can't hear by signing the words Peace be with you.**



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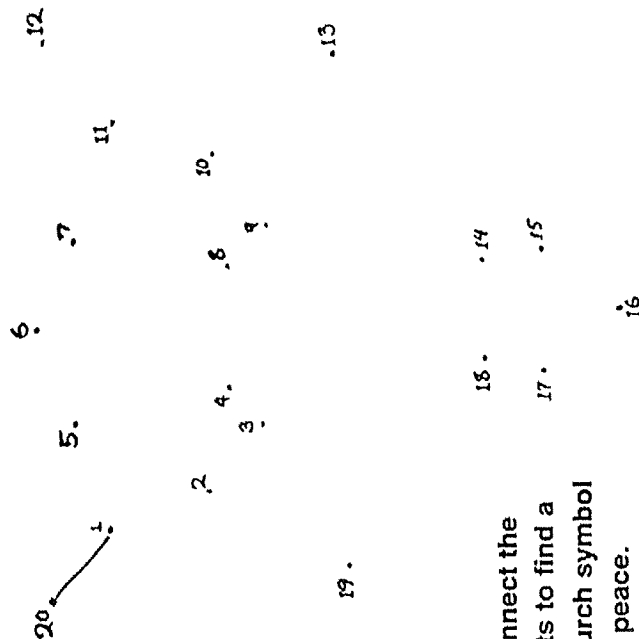
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Connect the dots to find a church symbol for peace.