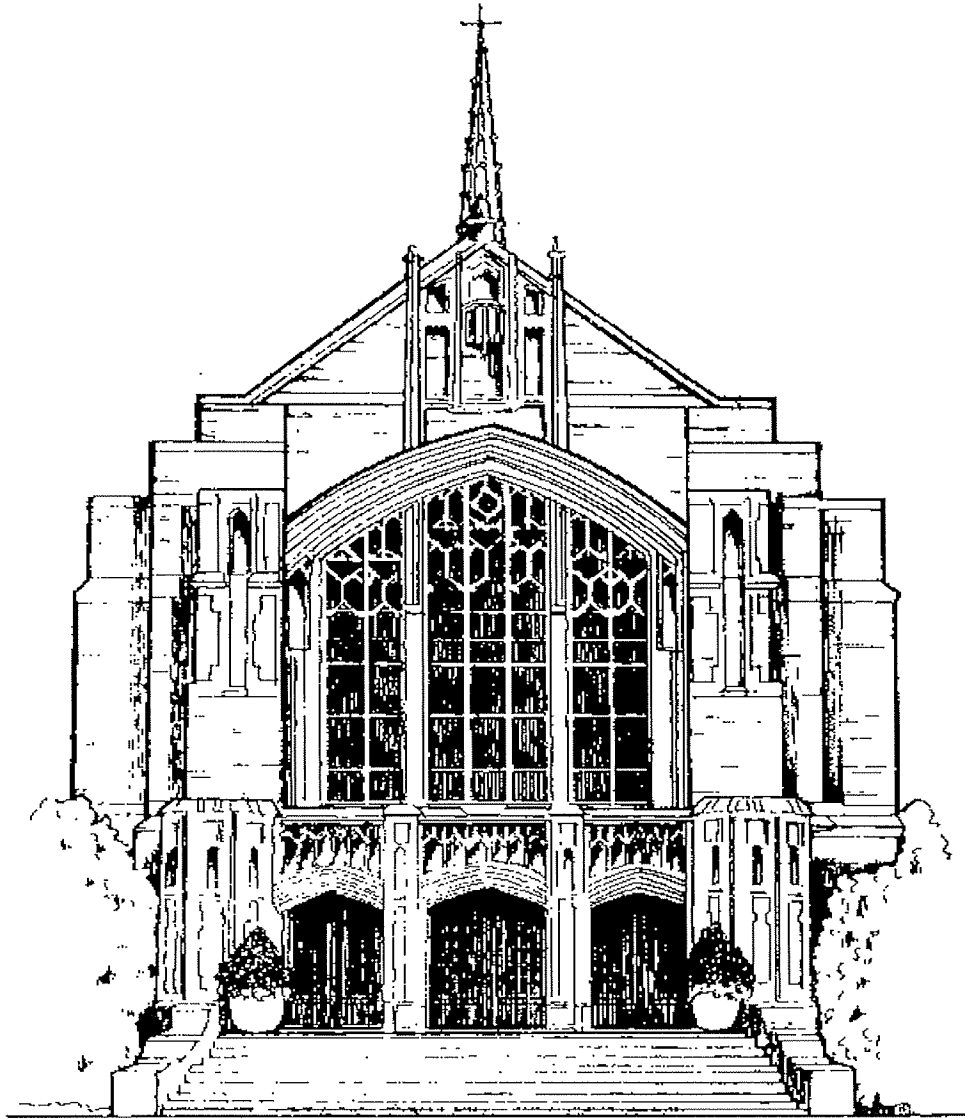


First Baptist Church of Dayton
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOMECOMING SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

*To celebrate God's love as a community of believers
in Jesus Christ through worship, education,
fellowship, and outreach to others.*

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The First Baptist Church at Worship
16th Sunday After Pentecost
Homecoming Sunday
September 13, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist
R. Alan Kimbrough, Pianist

All That Thrills My Soul Is Jesus Thoro Harris
Setting by Fasig - Innes
Immortal, Invisible Welsh Melody
Setting by Fasig - Innes
Like a River Glorious James Mountain
Setting by Ralph Manuel
The Heavens Are Telling Ludwig van Beethoven
from Six Songs, Op. 48 - setting by Mary C. and Louis Ball

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

Highest Place Ramon Pink

*We place You in the highest place.
For You are the great High Priest.
We place You high above all else, all else;
And we come to You and worship at Your feet.*

WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 103:8-12)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis, Leader

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN (See pgs. 10-11)

Sing a New World Into Being
HYMN TO JOY

Ode to Joy or Hymn to Joy is best known for its use by Ludwig van Beethoven in the final (fourth) movement of his Ninth Symphony, completed in 1824. Our text this morning by Mary Louise Bringle and published by GIA speaks to our congregation here at historic First Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio. Please pay close attention as you proclaim each stanza reflecting on our mission here in this community.

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

PASSING THE PEACE *(A time to greet one another)*

*DOXOLOGY

#706 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD 100TH, alt.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

A MOMENT FOR MISSION: CityHeart

Ted Greenwood

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 14:1-12

Jeanne Kallenberg

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each one of us will be held accountable to God.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:21-35

Jeanne Kallenberg

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times,

but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

#601 O How I Love Jesus
O HOW I LOVE JESUS

The original version of this beloved hymn consists of nine verses. Now we normally only sing three or four verses, but all nine are actually quite beautiful. The chorus—the famous chorus that we all know that says, "*Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me*"—that wasn't his. In fact, the author of that is unknown, but it was a common chorus or refrain that hymn writers or musicians would throw into the middle of the verses that they'd written just to break up the songs in those times. In fact, it's said that often this verse or refrain was used in the middle of "Amazing Grace" in those times.

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

#399 v.1 O Lord, Hear My Prayer
O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

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

Rev. David 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

Soloists: Cyerra Pemberton, Mikey Riggs, Guy Chambers

The Heavens Are Telling Joseph Haydn from The Creation

*The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The wonder of His work displays the firmament.
The day that is coming speaks to the day.
The night that is gone to following night.
In all the lands resounds the word,
never unperceived, ever understood.*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"How Forgiveness Works"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#33 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
CWM RHONDDA

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" is a classic Christian hymn written by Welsh Methodist William Williams in 1745. It draws heavily on Old Testament Exodus imagery, comparing the Christian life to a "pilgrim" journeying through a "barren land", and serves as a plea for God's protection and provision.

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*SUNG BENEDICTION

God Be with You
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Jeremiah E. Rankin (1828-1904) RANDOLPH 9.8.8.9.
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Unison Harmony

1. God be with you till we meet a-gain; By His coun-sels
guide, up-hold you, With His sheep se-cure-ly fold you:
God be with you till we meet a-gain.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Shrubsole - Ellor - Holden
 setting by Mickelson - Magnuson



(*) 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.fbcd Dayton.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.)

Bayless Family	Bill Harrell	Anita Suro
Harriet Berghuis	Debbie Harshman	Veghte Family
Jessica Blair	Barbara Jett	Harold West
Gail Bowman	Gene Lee	Brett Whittaker
Dana Brewer	Vincent Liss	Sharon Wingham
Daniel Brown	Patty Loxley	
Linda Ginter-Brown	Tom McKenzie	<i>Military Duty:</i>
Gerald Busch	Shirley Nash	Sebastian Ewald
June Collier	Susan Parent	Sunny Ewald
Merriann Craig	Petry Family	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Bill Cress	Judy See	Kyle Kline
Pamela Cress	Judy Smith	Will Radachi
Lavanda Ferguson	Joanne Stephens	Juan Rodriguez
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		

Fall Lunch Get-Together

Fall is arriving, football is starting up, schools are back in session, and the startup of choir music and Sunday School! It's nearly time for carving pumpkins and bobbing for apples! There's no better reason to have a Fall Lunch Get-Together at the Dublin Pub on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 11:30am. **Please RSVP by Sept. 14** to Mary Herbert, 937-388-8000. A count is needed for the restaurant.

Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, Sep. 16 @ 6:30pm

Pastor David's Reflection Book

In honor of Pastor David Coggins' 50th anniversary of his ordination, we have a reflection book that will be available in Fellowship Hall for you to share a memory or note of congratulations. The book will be available through September for you to sign.

Coffee & Cookie Social Time at One Lincoln Park

Next Social: October 7, 2026

Monthly - 1st Wednesday from 2:00-3:30pm
590 Isaac Prugh Way, Kettering 45429

On the first Wednesday of the month, you're invited to drop in at One Lincoln Park for the monthly coffee/cookie social time for our members who reside there. We currently have 4 members residing there--Linda Ginter Brown, Gerald Busch, Bill Harrell, and Ken Taylor. Stop in and say hello! **Upcoming dates:** Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2. Contact Mary Herbert with questions: 937-388-8000.

BUILDING BRIDGES BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays @ 7:30-8:30am
Wholly Grounds Coffee Shop
825 Wayne Ave.

Our Thursday morning Bible study has resumed. Each week Pastor Jason convenes a group for spirited discussion and reflection on one of the Scripture passages from the Lectionary for the upcoming Sunday, making connections and applications to current events. Many of us have been doing this for years, but it's an open gathering and anyone can join us anytime. If you have questions, please connect with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).

Starts October 1st

Thursday Evening BYF Gatherings @ 6-8pm

Our weekly gathering time for our Baptist Youth Fellowship is back this fall! Starting on October 1, we will meet every Thursday at 6-8pm at the church (unless otherwise noted). Gatherings will include a fun theme/activity (sundaes, art, service, karaoke, improv, etc.), fellowship, food, and a spirituality/spiritual practice component. We will still have other occasional activities/outings at other times, including Sundays, but this would be our most regular gathering time.

Help Wanted! If you would like to provide dinner for one of our Thursday Gatherings, and/or host a gathering at your home sometime, please speak with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).

Today is Our Homecoming Sunday

September 13, 2026

On Homecoming Sunday we officially welcome everyone back from summer travels, and resume our regular Sunday school schedule for all ages. **If you have ideas for future studies or have an interest in facilitating and/or being a part of a new small group, please speak with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).**

Adult Sunday School

Bible Study: The Letter to the Romans



Led by Rev. Jason Alspaugh (et al)
Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm
September 13-November 15
1st Floor – Chapel

In this class we will make use of J.R. Daniel Kirk's commentary, *Romans for Normal People*, part of a larger project—*The Bible for Normal People*—which envisions “a world where people engage with the Bible freely, without fear or guilt—where questions are welcome and scholarship is accessible. Additionally, and perhaps inevitably, we will consider a variety of other study resources (video, podcasts, etc.) to help us engage with the biblical text.

Along with Pastor Jason, participants will be invited to help facilitate our times of discussion and reflection themselves, as we make our way through *Romans*, with the intention of building some confidence for leading and engaging in Bible study. But no pressure! And there are no prerequisites. Whether you are new to the Bible or have been reading and studying it for years, this class can be for

you. If you plan to be a part of this class, please let Pastor Jason know so we can be sure to order enough commentaries/guides (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).

Children's Sunday School & Activities

Sunday School for children (grades preK-5) begins after the *Children's Message* during morning worship (approx. **10:30-11:15am**). Children are invited to come forward for the message, and are then led down to their classrooms by their teacher(s). Parents should pick up their child(ren) shortly after morning worship.



FBC Kids

One Room Sunday School Class

**PreK-5 Graders
Room #4 (Lower Level)**

Over the course of the year, we utilize a variety of curricula to help our kids learn many of the important stories of faith from every major section of the Bible. Interactive storytelling, activities, music and crafts will help our kids engage with the Scriptures each week.

Children's Music/Activities

**PreK-5 Graders
Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm
Room 3A (Lower Level)**

During the 11:30am Sunday school time for adults and youth, we invite elementary school age children to gather for a time of supervised music and/or activities. Parents are asked to pick up their kids shortly after their classes conclude.

Youth Sunday School

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School

**6-12 Graders
11:30am-12:15pm
Youth Room #1 (Lower Level)**



This fall our Jr./Sr. High youth will be using resources from Illustrated Ministry's *Mini Revolutions*, which follows the Revised Common Lectionary. Each week youth will be invited to explore the connections between their lived experiences and the stories of Scripture, and consider the ways in which the Spirit may be speaking to them through these sacred texts.

An Invitation from Tay Mosely!

SUNDAY SOCIAL • BIRTHDAY BRUNCH • FELLOWSHIP

Tay's 52nd Birthday Brunch

Good food, good company, and another trip around the sun.

Join us for an afternoon of brunch, fellowship, and celebration.

DATE

Sunday, September 20, 2026

BRUNCH

12:30 PM

LOCATION

First Dayton Baptist Church

Dayton, Ohio

Make a Sunday of It

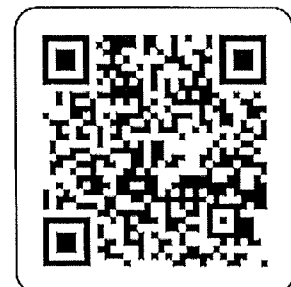
10:00 AM	Worship Service
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Coffee & Fellowship
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Sunday School (optional)
12:30 PM	Birthday Brunch served

Save Your Seat

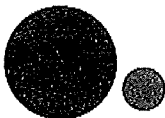
Please RSVP for the 12:30 PM birthday brunch
by Monday, September 14, 2026.

SCAN FOR DETAILS & RSVP

Dietary needs and food allergies can be shared when you RSVP.



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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

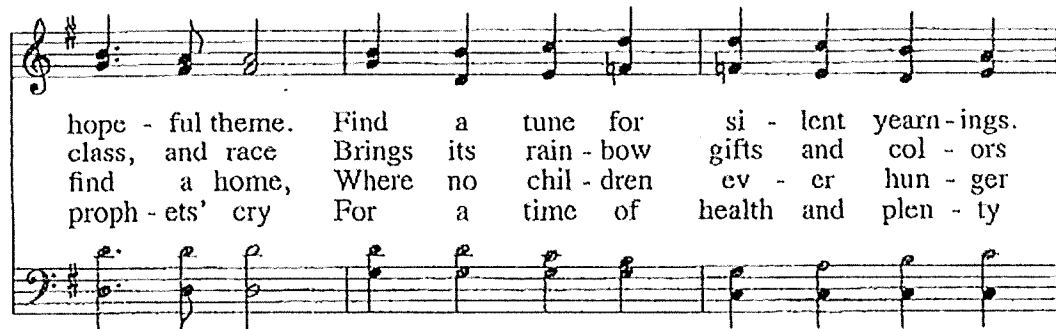
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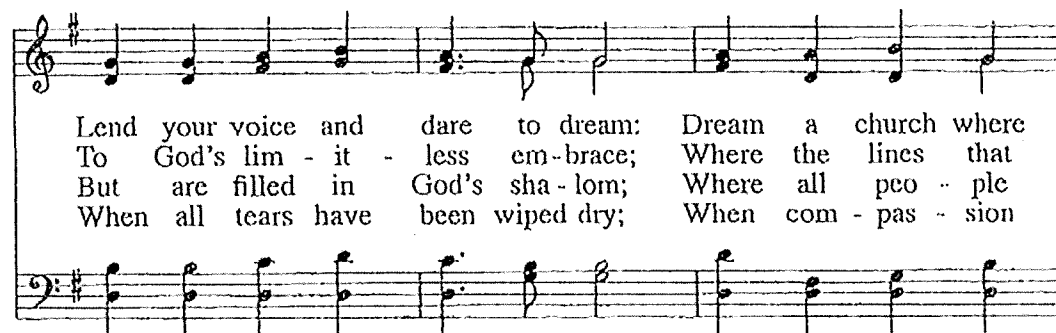
*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...
Revelation 21:1*



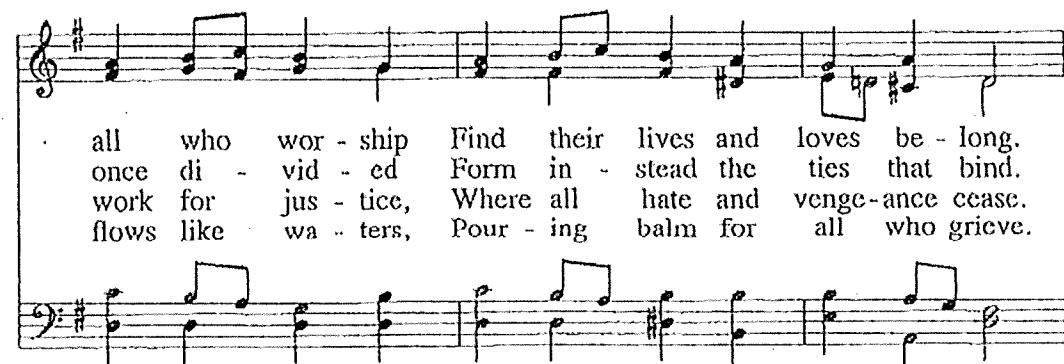
1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and
 2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing Where each gen - der,
 3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing Where the home - less
 4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient



hope - ful theme. Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings.
 class, and race Brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors
 find a home, Where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger
 proph - ets' cry For a time of health and plen - ty



Lend your voice and dare to dream: Dream a church where
 To God's lim - it - less em - brace; Where the lines that
 But are filled in God's sha - lom; Where all peo - ple
 When all tears have been wiped dry; When com - pas - sion



all who wor - ship Find their lives and loves be - long.
 once di - vid - ed Form in - stead the ties that bind.
 work for jus - tice, Where all hate and venge - ance cease.
 flows like wa - ters, Pour - ing balm for all who grieve.



Sing a new world in - to be - ing.
Sing a new world in - to be - ing:
Sing a new world in - to be - ing:
Sing a new world in - to be - ing:



Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
Risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
Raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
Live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

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Tune: HYMN TO JOY, 8 7 8 7 D; arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867

Send

God's amazing forgiveness!

God always forgives us and loves us no matter what.

Find the following phrases in the word search and circle them. What shape do you find?

SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN	ITS OK
GOD LOVES YOU	AMAZING FORGIVENESS
JESUS LOVES YOU	I FORGIVE YOU
K I K K E S E V E N T Y T I M E S S E V E N	
I T S O K F S F D J K L S R K L E A L Z C V N	
F J K E I R C E L E K K E S L C K V I E N N F	
O K K C O Z K B J S N E K W U C L E M V L P G	
R J V K E H V K K U R L W P E L D K B N E K O	
G K W O E L O E K S L E E K R O W K E M I Z D	
I Z K U I O K C O L W L R A L W Q V N N M D L	
V A M A Z I N G F O R G I V E N E S S O L E O	
E E K L K R K C K V K K S L E K O C K R K E V	
Y K V K R O P P W E Q V M N T L S L E K R L E	
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U O Q P E L L K R Y L V K E K R M R J E Y S Y	
D P A L I E J S M O Y C K V L N E K L D L X O	
C M R I O P N E N U K R K L K N W R J E L K U	



Thank you, God, for your amazing forgiveness. Help me forgive others. Amen

This week

Make a cross by tying two sticks together with your favorite colors of ribbon.

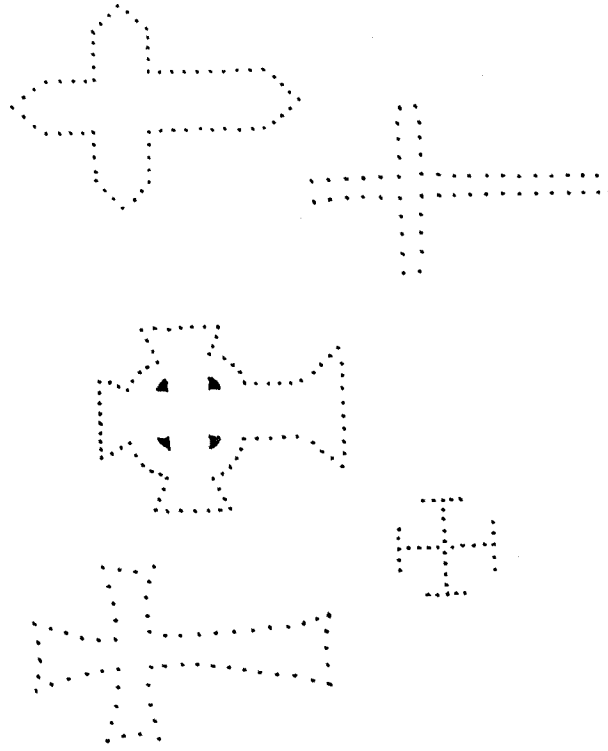
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A-Propser 19



gather

Welcome to worship. Holy Cross Day comes on September 14. The cross reminds us of Jesus. Look around your worship space and notice the crosses. Where are they? Do they all look the same?



Trace the dotted lines to uncover different kinds of crosses. Do you have a cross at home? What does it look like?

hear & celebrate

News flash! Joseph forgives brothers

Genesis 50:15-21

Forgiveness is a way of saying "I love you" after you've been hurt by another person. The Bible is full of stories of forgiveness because God always forgives!

I forgive you guys. It's OK! I love you.

Oh look at my beautiful new coat! It's awesome. Thanks Dad!



Hope you like it down there. Joseph! Now we won't have to look at your coat anymore!

Draw a line from the story boxes to their matching pictures. In the speech bubbles write something else you think each person said.

Why did YOU get a new coat and WE didn't? We're mad at you!

Draw a comic strip that shows you forgiving someone.

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Jesus says we should forgive someone 70 x 7. How many times is that?

