



Sunday, October 3, 2021  
9:15 am

Nineteenth Week After Pentecost  
Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 8  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

### GATHERING HYMN

vs. 1 & 3

*"Let the Whole Creation Cry"*

### GREETING

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

## WORD

A reading from Genesis.

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,**

**and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

A reading from Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them,

“Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY                      vs. 1 & 4      *“If You But Trust in God to Guise You”*

APOSTLE’S CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The response is:*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

CHILDREN’S TIME

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN

vs. 1-3

*“Go, My Children with My Blessing”*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Serving in Worship**

Pr. Justin Smoot  
Diane Goetsch - Assisting Minister  
Joel Freiberg - Pianist

### **Technical Support**

Ryan Josiger  
Mark Clark  
Joel Freiberg  
Bob Wiederhoeft

### **Holy Communion**

All are welcome. The communion elements are available on the table in the Narthex along with a plastic bag to dispose of the empty cup(s) following communion which can then be placed in the waste can as you leave the Sanctuary. Communion is received together as directed during the service.

### **Altar Flowers**

Dave and Sue Paisar in honor of their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary and Dave's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday; Adam and Kathy Wurz in honor of their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; and in memory of Al Matthiesen given by his family.

### **Bushel of Prayers**

The leaves are falling...into your bulletin! Please take this golden opportunity to grow our "Bushel of Prayers" by writing yours - pens/markers are located at the leaf station in the Narthex - and place it in the bushel basket under the tree in the Sanctuary. Like the trees, we too, can actively participate in this season of change. God never tires of giving us what we need.

### **Volunteers Needed**

To offer Sunday school each week, we need to ensure that we have enough dedicated adults to teach and help in classrooms. If there is a Sunday you are available 9:00-9:45 am, you can sign up on the classroom door to let teachers know to expect you. If you would like to teach, but are unable to commit to the full year, consider teaming up as a co-teacher or being a substitute. Please contact Jenna at [jenna@salc-wausau.org](mailto:jenna@salc-wausau.org) to be added to the team!

### **Thank you for your offerings and continued support!**

Now more than ever we are grateful for a gift of any amount you might share to further support the ministry of Saint Andrew. What you share makes a difference as we seek to be "open to all". For the many ways you give, thank you. Offerings may be placed in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

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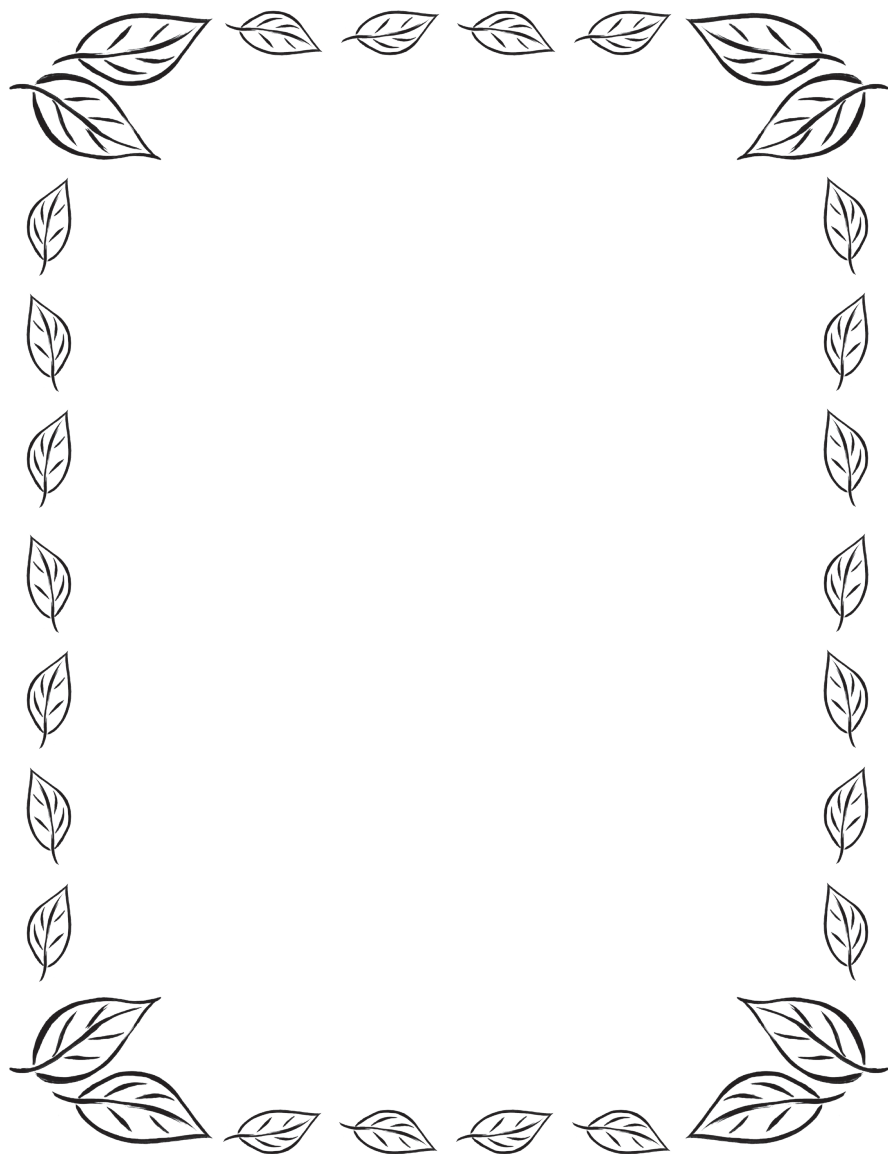
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The color of Pentecost is green.

**Draw green plants or other green things you see in the worship space.**

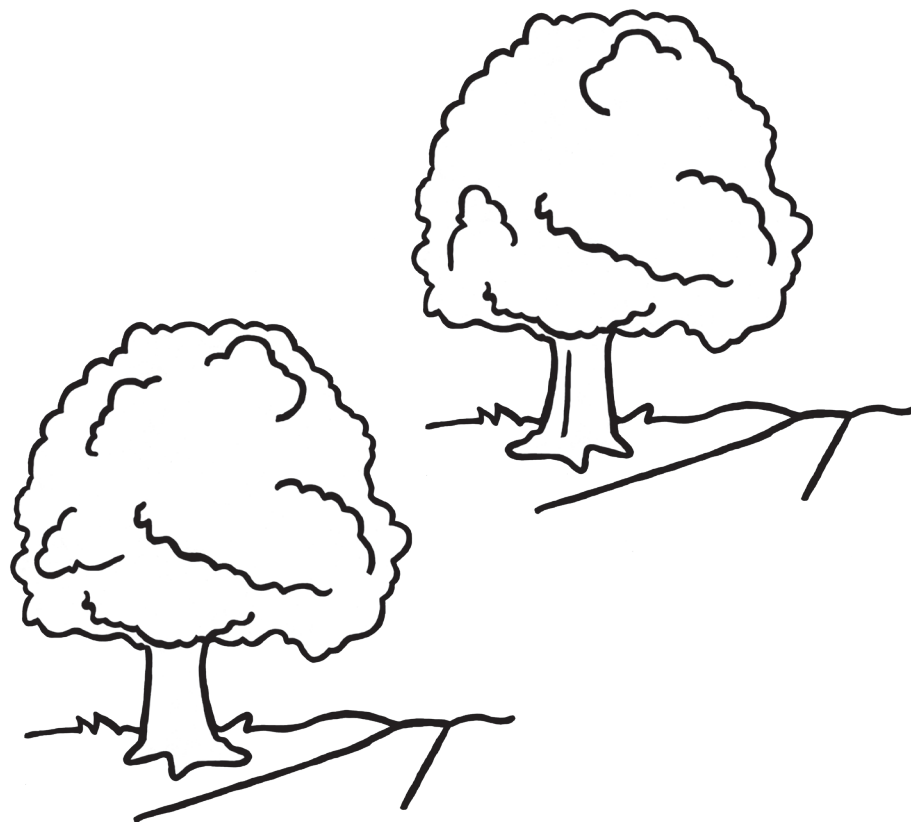


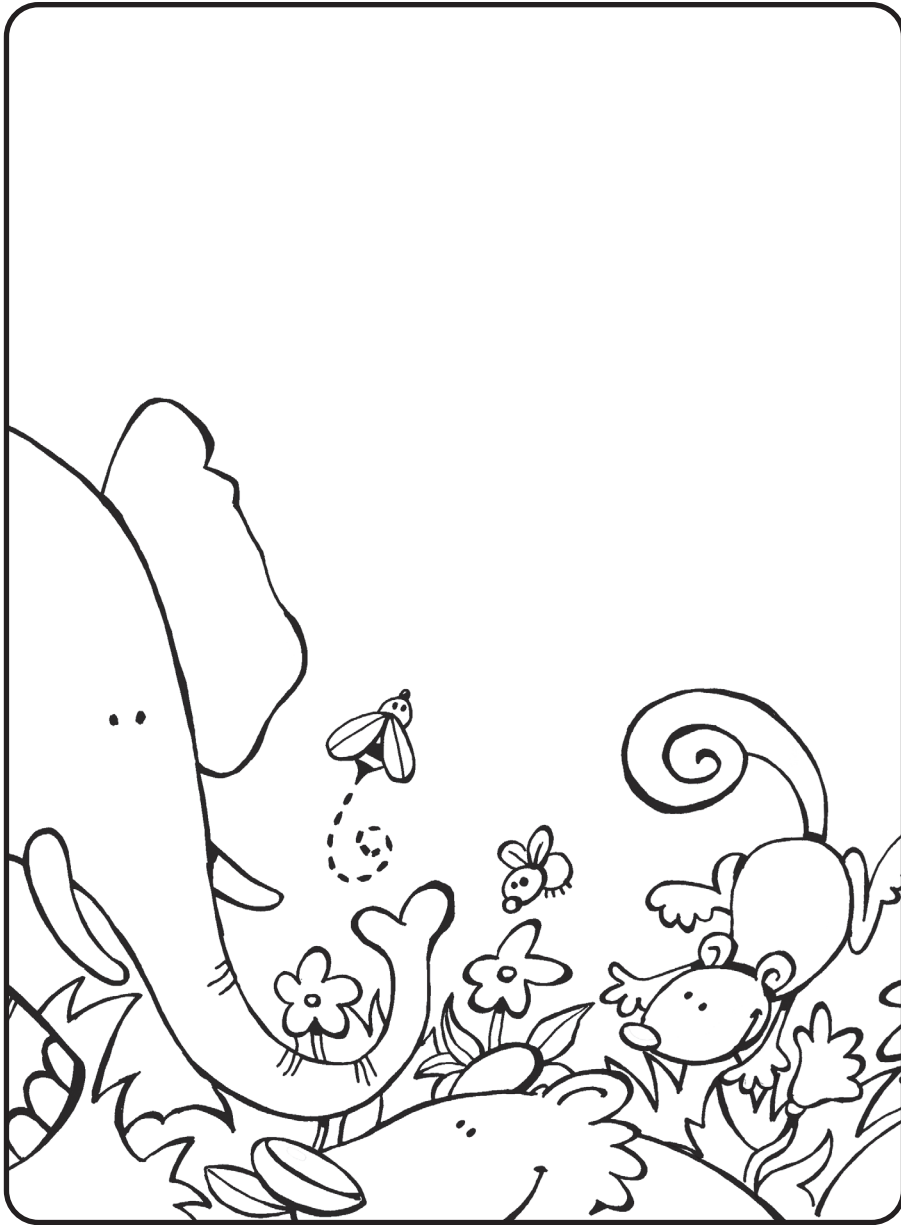
# PRE-READER

Pentecost 19

- Today is the **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday** after Pentecost.
- The color of the season after Pentecost is **green**.
- The season after Pentecost is the **season of growing**.

**Can you find the differences between these two trees? Circle the 5 differences.**





**God was happy to see that Adam and Eve were taking such good care of everything in creation.**

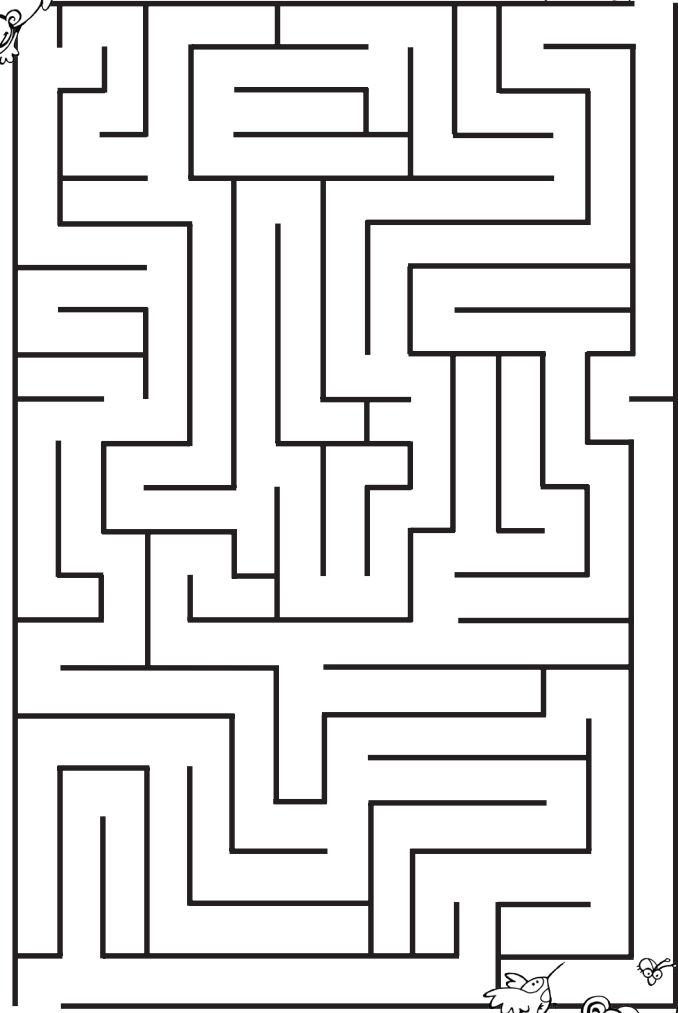
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PENTECOST 19

**Follow the maze to help Adam find Eve in the Garden of Eden!**



Adam

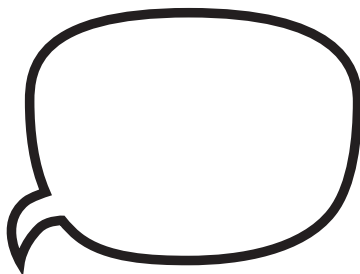
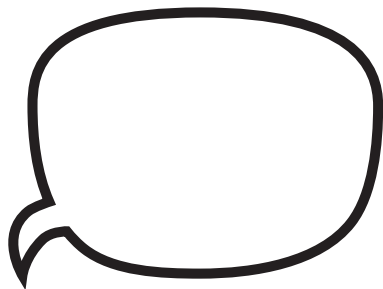
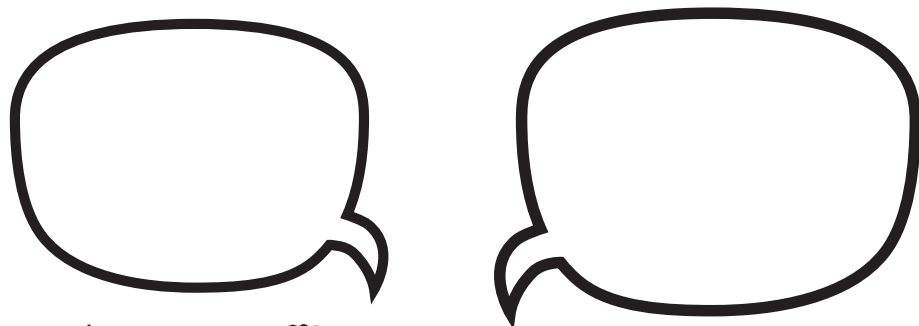


Eve



## What Do You Hear?

There are many things said during worship. Listen for what the pastor, the musicians, and your friends and family say. Write those things in the speech bubbles below.



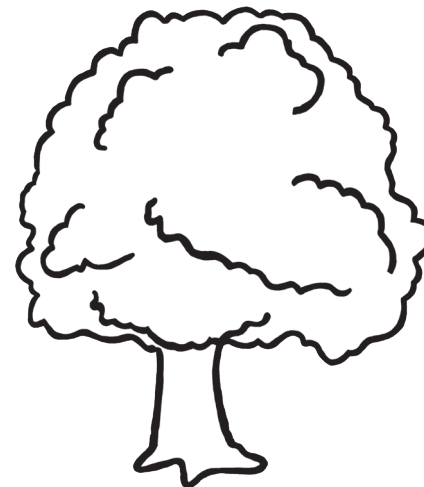
## READER

Pentecost 19

- Today is the **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday** after Pentecost.
- The color for the season after Pentecost is **green**.
- The season after Pentecost is the **longest church season** of the year.

## From Above or Below?

Read the list of different foods. Some of them grow in trees and others grow in the ground. Guess where these foods grow by drawing an arrow next to each food that points to either the tree or the ground.



APPLE

POTATO

ALMONDS

BANANA

ONION

GRAPEFRUIT

TOMATO

LETTUCE

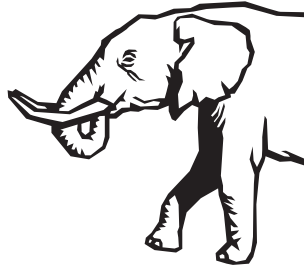
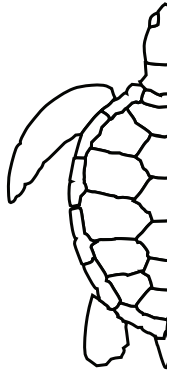
WALNUTS



Tree food: apple, almond, banana, grapefruit, walnut.  
Ground food: potato, onion, tomato, lettuce.

# Complete the Garden

God's creation is buzzing and bursting with beautiful creatures. Help complete the garden by finishing the drawings of these Eden animals.



**Look It Up!**

Today's lesson is from Genesis, the first book of the Bible. Using a Bible, look up the next four books and write them here.

1. Genesis
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
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Use the Garden of Eden images below to fill in the missing letters in the memory verse below.

**Memory Verse**



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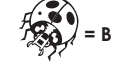
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OCTOBER 3, 2021  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

# taking faith home

*Jesus heals and blesses the defenseless.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children
Monday	Genesis 2:18-24	God creates a human partner
Tuesday	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	God has spoken through Jesus
Wednesday	Psalms 147:1-11	Praise the Lord
Thursday	Joel 2:18-27	God's response and promise
Friday	Acts 3:1-10	Peter heals a cripple
Saturday	Psalms 8	God honors humanity
Sunday	Mark 10:17-31	A rich man goes away sad

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*"Truly I [Jesus] tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10:15-16 (NRSV)*

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

God of tender care, help us to care for creation, for human beings, and family relationships so that we may serve one another in peace. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for this food we give thanks and praise that you are aware of our needs and care for us with your majesty. Amen. (Psalm 8)

### A Blessing to Give:

May the glory of God bless you to live, to love, and to serve in Jesus' name.



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OCTOBER 3, 2021  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
Come and Fill Our Hearts

# taking faith home

## WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What words would you use to describe a good relationship with someone?
- What hurts relationships with others?
- God desires us to have life-giving relationships. In what ways can you fulfill God's desire for relationships with others?

## DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 10:2-16.

When we read that the Pharisees ask Jesus about divorce, our bodies can easily tighten. Divorce has touched all of our lives. We know that at times divorce, as painful as it is, is better than remaining in a hurtful relationship. Jesus goes to the heart of the matter: God desires life-giving relationships, not divorce. Why is this so important? Because in Jesus' day women and children paid the greatest price in a divorce. Family life is foundational to our social fabric. For much of our history—and especially during Judaism of the New Testament—the protection provided by the shelter and wealth of a husband and father was essential to survival. Without it, women and children were left poor and ostracized by society. Today, men, too, can be the ones left with grief and distress. Jesus is speaking here to defend defenseless lives. He is teaching his disciples as they journey to Jerusalem to care for the helpless, the poor, and the socially dispossessed. This story in Mark about divorce, women, and children ends by caring for the two groups hurt most in a divorce in his day: women and children. He does not chastise them. He offers them his healing care, lays his hands on the children, and blesses them. How have you helped people who have been affected by divorce?

Pray: **God of life and healing, help us to care for one another and to protect one another with our words and our actions through the healing touch of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## SERVICE

Genesis 2:18-24 has real humor woven into the story of the creation of the woman. The all-knowing God has difficulty finding a helper and partner for the human being just created. Finally, God creates the woman as the perfect match. In describing the greatest mysteries of life, the Bible can be playful. As you enjoy relationships with others, be sure to find time for play and humor with those around you this week.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Go outside at night this week when the night sky isn't hidden by clouds. When you go inside, talk about the beauty of the sky and the different constellations that you saw. End your time by reading Psalm 8. If you are with others, close with this blessing:

**May the majesty of God bless you to live and serve others in Jesus' name.**



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