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November 10, 2024

9:45 AM

25th Sunday after Pentecost
Baptism of Ryan Matthew Ensminger
Guess Who?: A Series Investigating Key Figures of the Bible
Mt. Zion Bible Detectives: Uncovering the Wonders and Mysteries of the Faith

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS

WEEKLY CLUES

PRELUDE

Countryside Garden

by Combs

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Come, behold the works of the Lord,

C: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

L: Our God says, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

C: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Be Thou My Vision

Mary E. Byrne, 1905

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Be Thou my vi - sion O Lord of my heart.
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou my True Word.
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain em - pty praise,
 4. Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

5

Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joy, O heav - en's Sun!

9

Thou my best thought by day and by night.
 Thou my soul's shel - ter thou my high tower,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

13

Wa - king or sleep - ing Thy pres - ence my light.
 raise me Thou heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my Pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

*TIME OF CONFESSION²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God who Delivers and Redeems,

C: We have failed to live into the promise of new life. We have been afraid to enter troubled waters to help the poor and downtrodden. We have been afraid to walk with those burned by the system of sin and oppression. We have sought ease and comfort in exchange for ignoring the hungry and sick in our world.

Forgive us when we have seen our faith in such narrowness, thinking of only our own salvation. Forgive us when we have not lived for others, when we have not been willing to risk ourselves for the sake of others. Call us into new life, a life that is lived in the promise of Your love for the whole world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 295 NCH (v. 1)

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

ALL SING: I sing a song of the saints of God, faithful their whole lives through, who bravely labored lived and died for the God they loved and knew. And one was a doctor and one was a queen and another a shepherd in pastures green. They were saints of God if you know what I mean God help me to be one too.

KID'S MESSAGE

BAPTISM OF RYAN ENSMINGER

INVITATION & PRAYERS

P: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

C: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

P: The scripture tells us, they were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them

C: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."

P: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. Jesus said: Unless we are born anew, we cannot see the reign

of God; unless we are born of water and Spirit, we cannot enter God's new order...and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

C: This is the water of baptism. Out of the water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ members of Christ's body.

P: God's love and grace is for us. We are here today to declare that God loves Ryan Matthew and to offer ourselves as instruments of that love in his life.

BAPTISMAL PROMISES

PRAYER

RITE OF BAPTISM

HYMN NO. 351 NCH (see below)

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

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John Ylvisaker

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
2. When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
3. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
4. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

4

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

7

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. I was
liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long. Should you
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun. When the
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.

10

there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; I'll be
find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be
eve - ning - gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be

14

there in case you wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
there as I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowry

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1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver
3. As we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will

4

trod, with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of
 spray, we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en
 down; grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and
 cease; soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of

8

God? Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er,
 day.
 crown.
 peace.

13

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

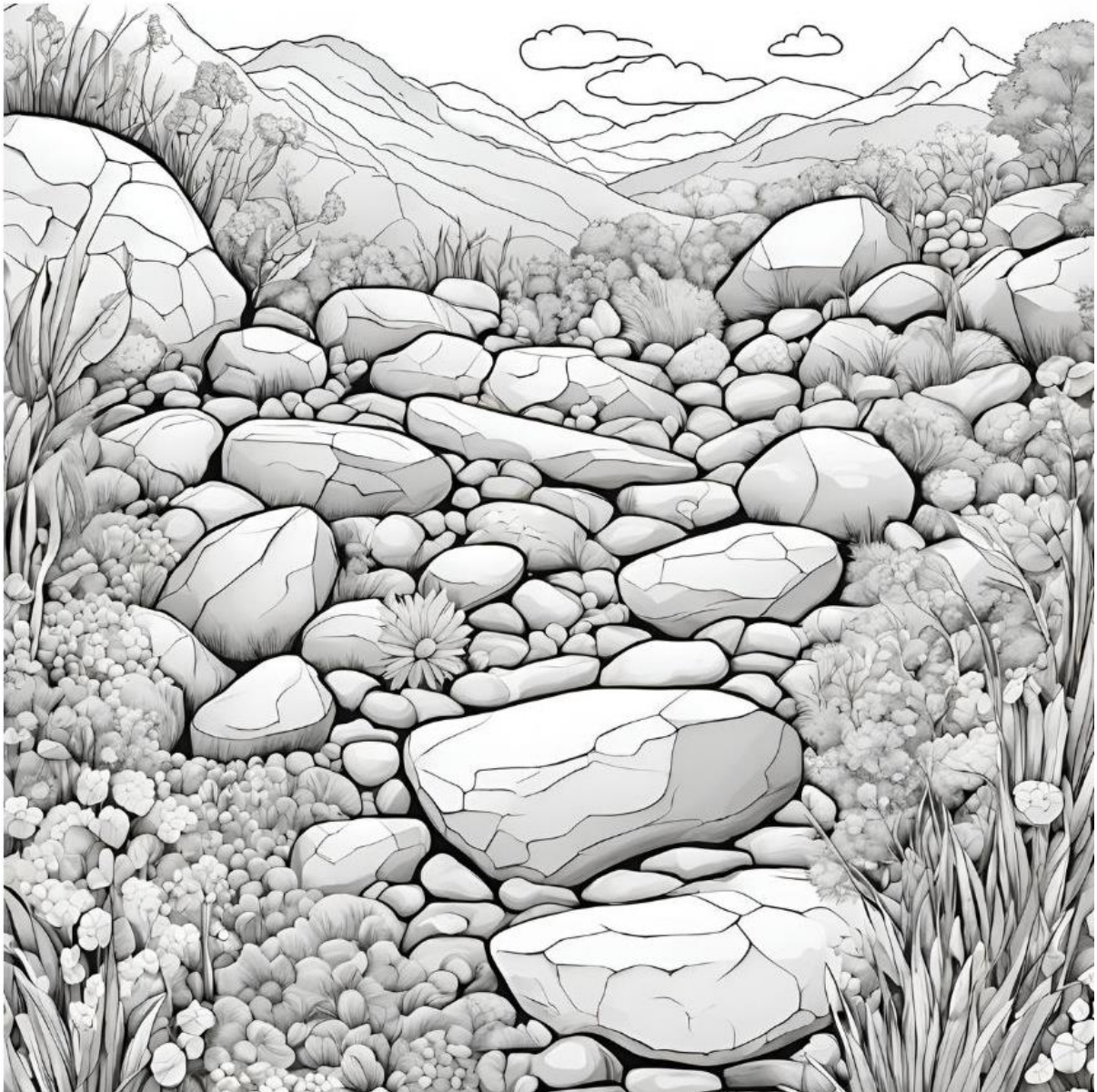
Seed Scattered and Sown

by Feiten

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING HYMN NO. 403 NCH (black hymnal, see next page, vs. 1-2, 4)

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Edward Mote, 1834


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1. My hope is built on noth-ing less than
2. When shad - ows veil my Sav-ior's face, I
3. Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup -
4. When Christ shall come with trum-pet sound, oh,

4




Je-sus' love and right-eous-ness; I dare not trust this
rest up - on un - chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and
- port me in the ris - ing flood; When all a - round my
may I then in Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous -

7 *Refrain*



earth - ly frame, but wholly lean on Je - sus' name. On
storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
soul gives way, Christ then is all my hope and stay.
- ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

10



Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

13



sink-ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

References

¹The Call to Worship comes from Psalm 46: 8-11, and was accessed for use on 10/22/24.

²Our The Time of Confession is written by written by Rev. Mindi and posted on her Rev-o-lution website. <http://rev-o-lution.org/> and accessed for use on 10/22/24.

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

Welcome Team Members—Ron Miles, Sara Eberly, Lana Fritz, & Carol Hartman

Liturgist— Brenda Beyer

Lector—Freddie Northridge

Tech Team—Jack Herlocker, Paul Ramsey, & Joe Vacante

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