

Morning Prayer

September 29, 2024

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All stand as they are able

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Presider Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth God's praise, to hear God's holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship, let us keep silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

All kneel, or remain standing, as they are able.

Silence is kept.

The Presider and the People

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Presider says

Almighty God have mercy **+** on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

All stand as they are able

The Invitatory and Psalter

Presider Lord, open our lips;

People **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Presider The earth is the Lord's for he made it.
People **Come, let us adore him.**

Invitatory: Jubilate

Hymnal 377

Unison or harmony

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
 4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for
 *5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
 2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
 3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
 4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly
 5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.
 5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

Psalter: Ps. 19:7-14

to be prayed responsively

7The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
 the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**¹²Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Presider The earth is the Lord's for he made it.

People **Come, let us adore him.**

The people are seated.

The Lessons

First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ¹

⁹Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?' ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know

to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain seated.

Canticle E: A Song of Jerusalem Our Mother

to be proclaimed responsively

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her *
all you who love her,

Rejoice, rejoice with her, *

all you who mourn over her,

That you may drink deeply with delight *
from her comforting breast.

For thus says our God, *

**“I will extend peace to her like a river,
the wealth of nations like an overflowing stream.**

“You shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and you shall nestle in her lap.

“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; *
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

“You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice, *
you shall flourish like the grass of the fields.”

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading

James 5:13-20

A Reading from the letter of James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle K: A Song of Our Adoption

to be proclaimed responsively

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
for you have blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, *
that we should be holy and blameless before you.

You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, *
according to the good pleasure of your will,

To the praise of your glorious grace, *
that you have freely given us in the Beloved.

In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,
the forgiveness of our sins,

According to the riches of your grace *
which you have lavished upon us.

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will,

According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, *
as a plan for the fullness of time,

To gather together all things in Christ, *
things in heaven and things on earth.

Third Reading

Mark 9:38-50

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

³⁸John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of cold water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.



⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Cynthia Chockley

All then stand as they are able.

The Apostles' Creed

The Presider begins

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

All kneel, or stand, as they are able.

The Prayers

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider and the People

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Presider Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, may the Spirit speak to our hearts that yearn for the Holy One, and teach us to dwell and delight in God's presence. Have mercy, O Lord; fill us with the fullness of your grace.

Intercessor Speak to your church and our leaders. Energize us with new life and endless possibilities. Teach us to be partners with you in holiness and power. Have mercy, O Lord. **Fill us with the fullness of your grace.**

Silence is kept.

We pray for our president, our Congress, and our courts. May harmony in diversity begin with us. Speak peace to the leaders of the nations, that conflicts may cease, and mutual respect across boundaries and languages may prevail. Have mercy, O Lord. **Fill us with the fullness of your grace.**

Silence is kept.

We thank you for the boundless gifts you give us every day [especially_____]. Bring the peoples of the world together, so that no one hoards or wastes your blessings, and all will be fed and warm, and none will be threatened. May the language of hope be spoken freely in all corners of the globe. Have mercy, O Lord. **Fill us with the fullness of your grace.**

Silence is kept.

We pray for all who cry out in pain, and those who suffer in silence, for those who await healing, and for those who have lost hope. For those who have asked for our prayers, and for those who have no one to pray for them. For those who come to our Labyrinth that, as they walk, they may find peace and renewal. Bring your healing power to those who need it most [especially _____]. Have mercy, O Lord. **Fill us with the fullness of your grace.**

Silence is kept.

We pray for those who have ended their earthly journey and now are surrounded by angels and archangels and their unending songs of praise; [especially_____]. **Bring us also to that heavenly shore and the fullness of your eternal grace.**

Presider Holy One, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

All are then seated.

Announcements

The Presider then says

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Let us present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The People stand as they are able when the offerings are presented at the Altar

Doxology

to be prayed in unison

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The people remain standing as they are able

Presider and People

Almighty God,
**Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for your immeasurable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to your service,
 and by walking before you
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Presider and People

Almighty God,
 you have given us grace at this time with one accord
 to make our common supplication to you;
 and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
 that when two or three are gathered together
 in his Name you will be in the midst of them:
 Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
 as may be best for us; granting us in this world
 knowledge of your truth,
 and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Dismissal

The Presider says

As you leave this place, take courage and strength for the week ahead
 as you love and serve the Lord, our Redeemer.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And may the Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the
 Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen**

Presider Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or
 imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever
 and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Postlude

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This week in prayer

Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:

Our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA)
and for all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

September 29 The Church of Pakistan (United)

Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:

September 29 Christ Church, Adrian; St Luke’s, Santiago; St Mark’s, Haina, DR

St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer: Tim, Sarah, Kailyn, Ellery, Michael

and our continuing prayers for: Jim M, Joan, Mardi, Robert, Selenah

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Upcoming Commemorations

- Sept. 29 Saint Michael and All Angels
- 30 Jerome, Priest and Monk of Bethlehem, 420
- Oct. 01 Therese of Lisieux, Monastic, 1898
- 02 Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 530
- 03 John Raleigh Mott, Lay Leader & Ecumenist, 1955
- 04 Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226; and, Henrietta Lacks, Medical Pioneer, 1951

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Faith in Action is in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with “St Barnabas” on the memo line. The **next Food Drive** is **October 20**. In the Spirit of Jesus’ love, please contribute as generously as you can.

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James 5:13-20

James emphasizes the importance of rituals in the life of faith. The instruction to call for the elders to pray over the sick, using oil in the name of the Lord, has been interpreted in our tradition as a forerunner of the sacrament of anointing. Similarly, the teaching that we should confess our sins to one another is held as a prototype of sacramental

confession. James recognizes the need for human contact through ritualized gestures. These speak in a powerful way to the human heart.

James concludes by underscoring his major theme – faith in action. Christians are called to hear the word and put it into practice. Faith in action is faith that works for the building up and preservation of the community. Although individual members of a community might be sinners, the good work to maintain the unity of the group serves to counteract, to “cover a multitude of sins” (v. 20).

- How have ritual gestures and prayers been important to your experience of Christian faith?

Mark 9:38-50

The metaphor of the body was a commonly used teaching tool in the ancient world, and we see Jesus take it up in our verses this week. While often used to symbolize the community (see also 1 Cor. 12), Jesus creatively uses “body” to address the matter of scandal. We might find Jesus’ language harsh, for he says in effect if a member of the community is leading others astray, that member should be removed, before the whole body is damaged. And his concluding proverb about salt is not innocuous. Salt was used in the ancient Near East as a catalyst to start fires. He is telling his audience to be confrontational at times. Verse 50 could be interpreted to mean that troublemakers should be confronted so that the community can have peace. This passage, when read in this light, is among the “hard sayings” of Jesus. In the context of our modern church communities, we are invited to carry the tension between protecting the integrity of the community and being compassionate toward the wayward.

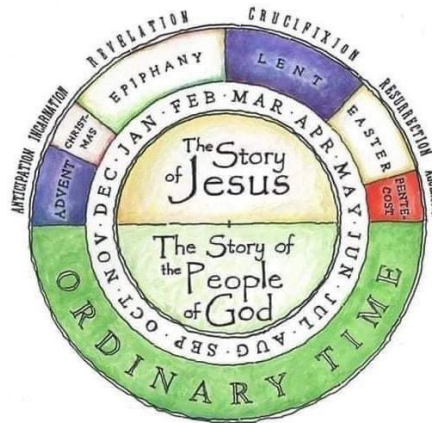
- How might we go about discerning when scandal is a danger to the community, and how we might confront it?

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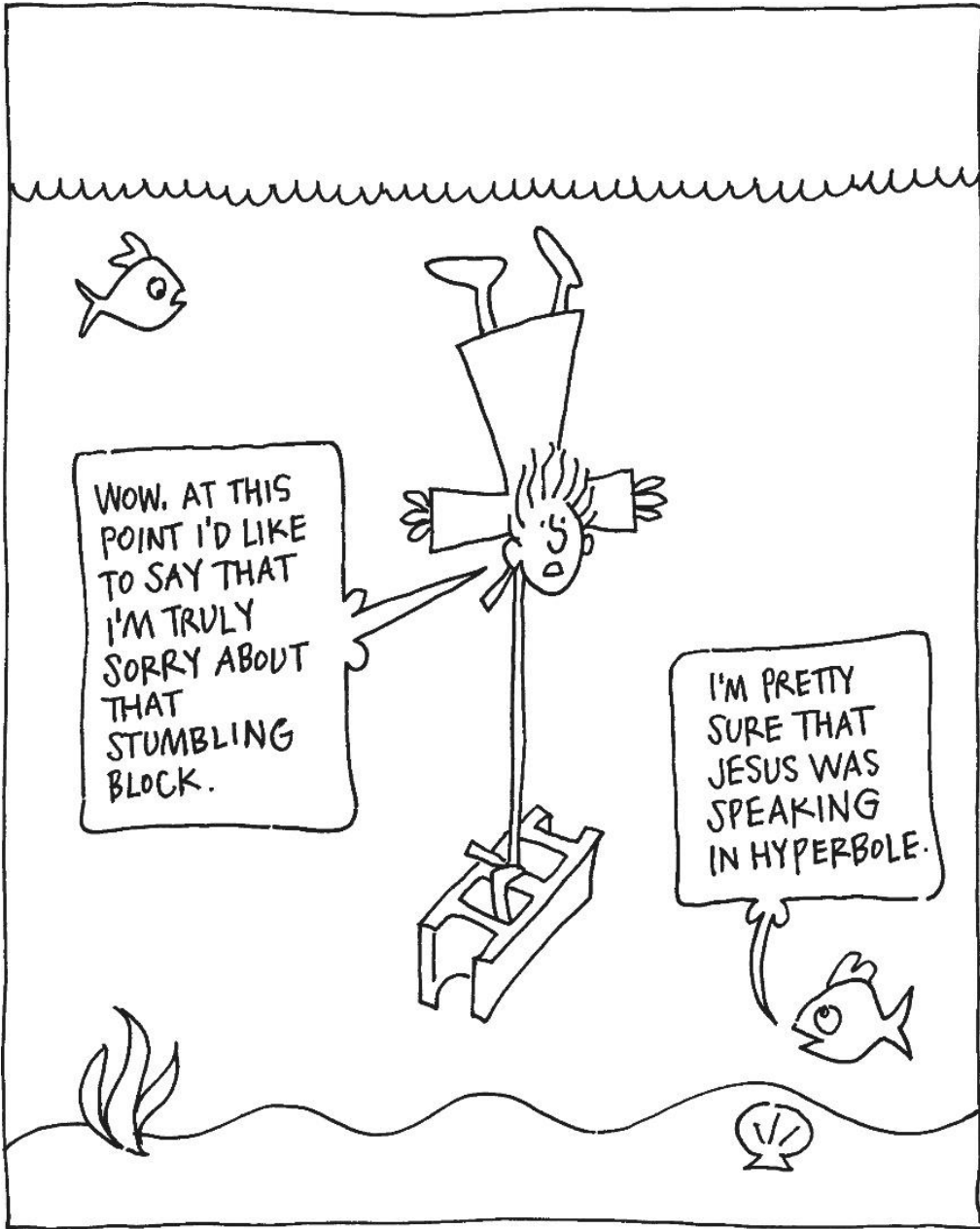
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Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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