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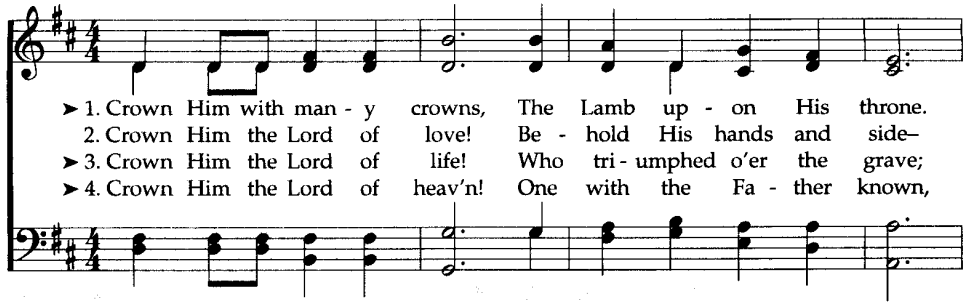

CALL TO WORSHIP • John 4:23–24

“The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

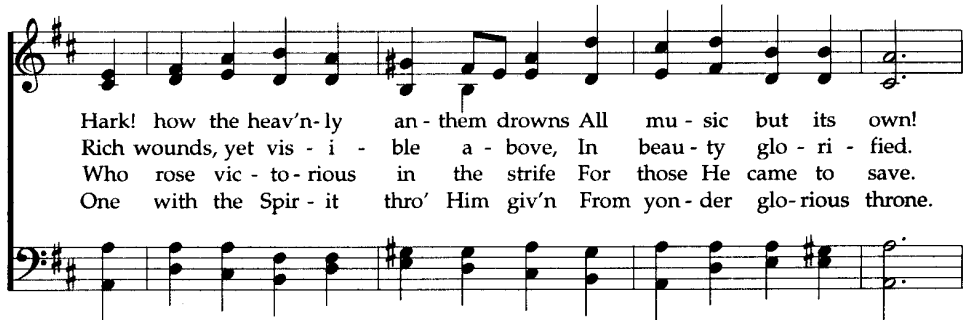
Crown Him With Many Crowns

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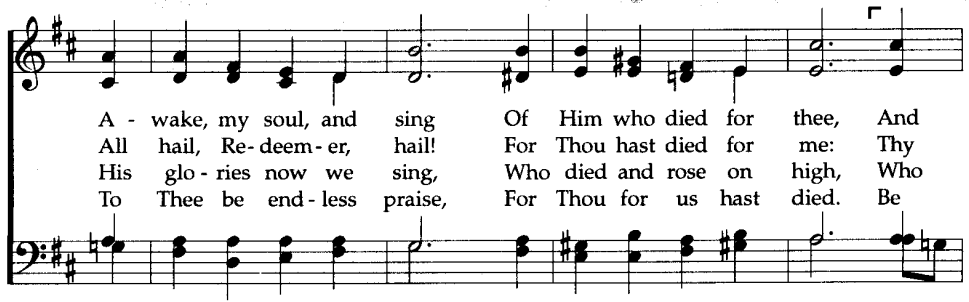
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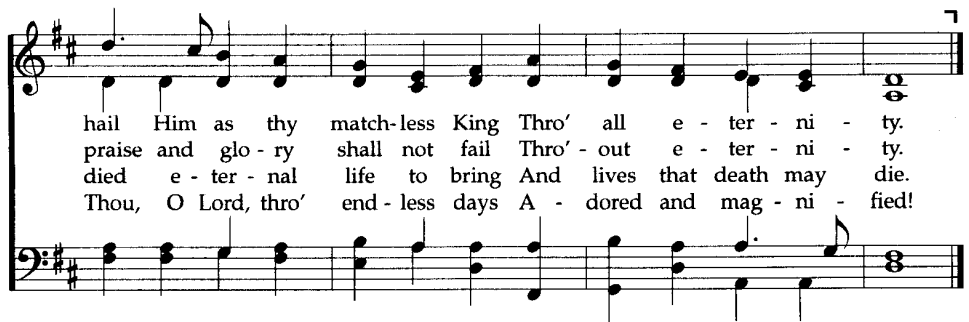
▶ 1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne.
▶ 2. Crown Him the Lord of love! Be - hold His hands and side-
▶ 3. Crown Him the Lord of life! Who tri - umphed o'er the grave;
▶ 4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Fa - ther known,



Hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
Who rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
One with the Spir - it thro' Him giv'n From yon - der glo - rious throne.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me: Thy
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
To Thee be end - less praise, For Thou for us hast died. Be



hail Him as thy match-less King Thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.
praise and glo - ry shall not fail Thro' - out e - ter - ni - ty.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Thou, O Lord, thro' end - less days A - dored and mag - ni - fied!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD,
that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, we have loved other gods before you and have become their servants. We have not worshiped you in spirit and in truth. We have brought insult upon your reputation. We have not trusted you to give us rest. We have not honored others as they deserve. We have hated our neighbors. Our desires are all distorted and misplaced. We have taken for ourselves what did not belong to us. We have lied, slandered, and gossiped. We have coveted the good blessings you gave to others. O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have not kept your law. Forgive us for the sake of your Son, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 54:4-5

Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;
be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;
for you will forget the shame of your youth,
and the reproach of your widowhood
you will remember no more.
For your Maker is your husband,
the LORD of hosts is his name;
and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,
the God of the whole earth he is called.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

DOXOLOGY

*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.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING • James 3:13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray...

Lord, you built your church and promised to dwell with her forever.

Bless all who guard and feed your sheep, those who shepherd souls, those who care for the poor, those who minister praise, as well as those who teach your Word, that, as you are lifted up, men and women will be drawn to you.

Lord, likewise, you rule over all the nations of the earth.

We pray for peace in every corner of the world: where there is war, where there is persecution, where there is starvation, where there is sickness, as well as every nation where there is suffering, that you will be glorified among the nations.

Lord, out of the depths of eternity you moved in history in the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In him was life and the life was our light. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Cause that light to shine ever brighter in us and through us.

We pray as you taught us:

*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.*

I, Even I, Will Sing Unto The Lord

Text: Amy Carmichael • Music: Edward J. Hopkins • © 1960 Dohnavur Fellowship

1. I, ev - en I, will sing un - to the Lord, For ev - er
2. Where dark - ness was, He said, Let there be light; I saw the
3. Shep - herd of Is - rael, what can baf - fle Love, Or cause Di -
4. Love, on - ly Love, these night - y things can do, What Love has

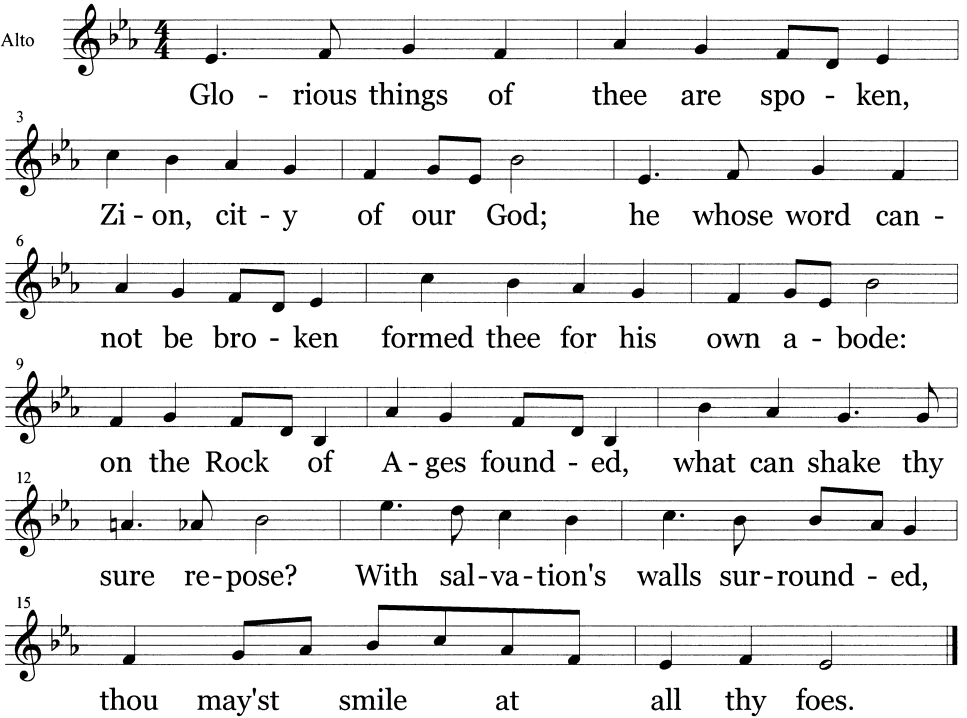
6 and for ev - er the A - dored; I, ev - en I, though
blind re - cei - ving heav'n - ly sight. His mir - a - cles are
- vine com - pas - sion to re - move? Out of a fall, Love
pur - posed, Love will car - ry through. I, ev - en I will

11 I be dust, will sing To Him who ev - en now is tri - umph - ing.
with us once a - gain; O worth - y is the Lamb that has been slain.
makes a step - ping stone, And quite re - vers - es all the foe has done.
sing un - to the Lord, For ev - er and for ev - er the A - dored.

Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken

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Alto



Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken,
Zi - on, cit - y of our God; he whose word can -
not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode:
on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love;
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear!
For a glory and a cov'ring showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day;
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city, I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy Name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

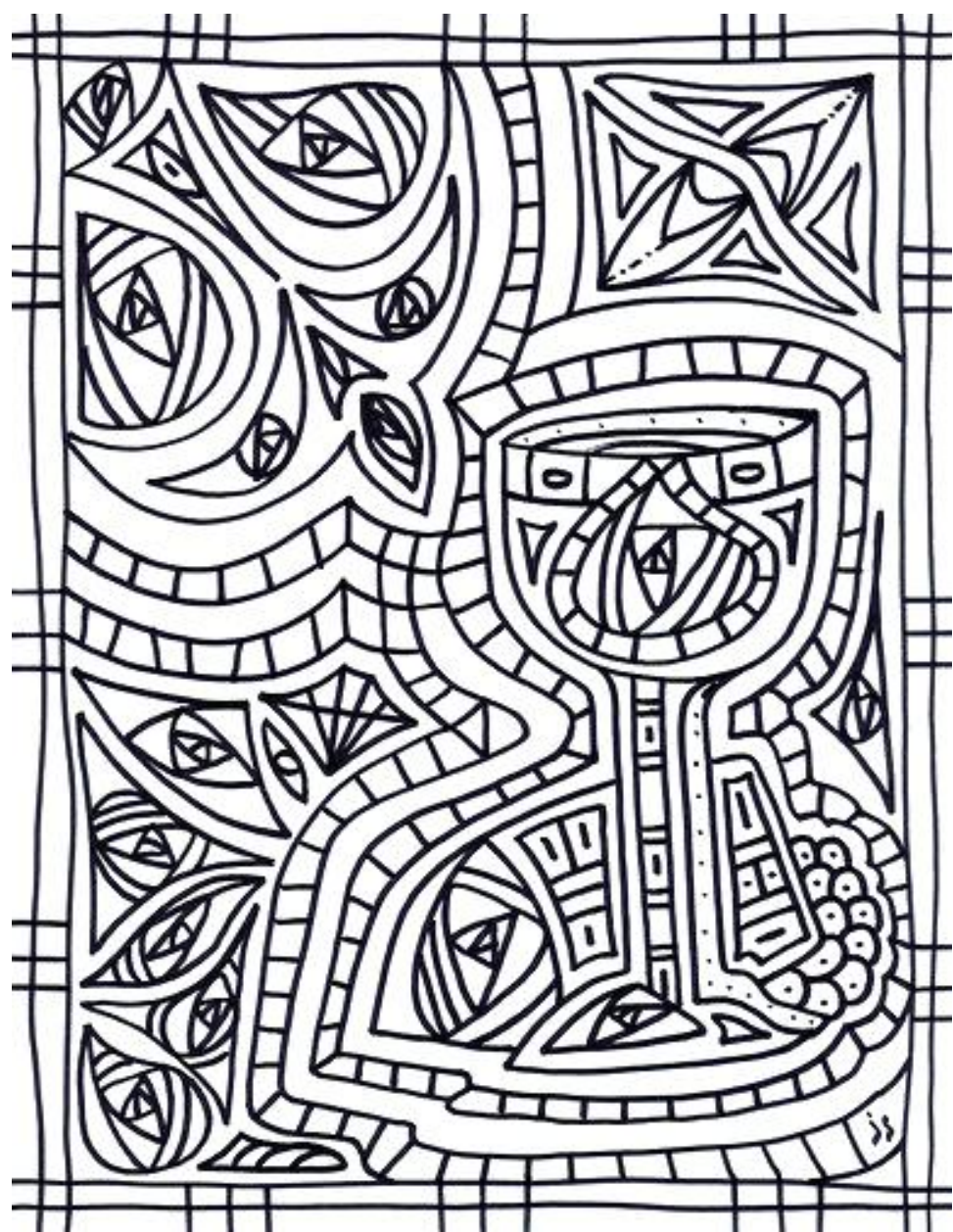
Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raises, over self to reign as kings,
and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank offering brings.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Ecclesiastes 10

- 1 Dead flies make the perfumer's ointment give off a stench;
so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.
- 2 A wise man's heart inclines him to the right,
but a fool's heart to the left.
- 3 Even when the fool walks on the road, he lacks sense,
and he says to everyone that he is a fool.
- 4 If the anger of the ruler rises against you, do not leave your place,
for calmness will lay great offenses to rest.
- 5 There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, as it were an error proceeding from the ruler: ⁶ folly is set in many high places, and the rich sit in a low place. ⁷ I have seen slaves on horses, and princes walking on the ground like slaves.
- 8 He who digs a pit will fall into it,
and a serpent will bite him who breaks through a wall.
- 9 He who quarries stones is hurt by them,
and he who splits logs is endangered by them.
- 10 If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge,
he must use more strength,
but wisdom helps one to succeed.
- 11 If the serpent bites before it is charmed,
there is no advantage to the charmer.
- 12 The words of a wise man's mouth win him favor,
but the lips of a fool consume him.
- 13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness,
and the end of his talk is evil madness.
- 14 A fool multiplies words,
though no man knows what is to be,
and who can tell him what will be after him?
- 15 The toil of a fool wearies him,
for he does not know the way to the city.
- 16 Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child,
and your princes feast in the morning!
- 17 Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son of the nobility,
and your princes feast at the proper time,
for strength, and not for drunkenness!
- 18 Through sloth the roof sinks in,
and through indolence the house leaks.
- 19 Bread is made for laughter,
and wine gladdens life,
and money answers everything.
- 20 Even in your thoughts, do not curse the king,
nor in your bedroom curse the rich,
for a bird of the air will carry your voice,
or some winged creature tell the matter.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON • "Contending With Folly" (Rev. Eric Costa)





THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Apostles' Creed

What do you believe?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Greet one another with the words, “*The peace of Christ be with you.*”)

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE AND PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God’s grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after the musicians. The glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available for prayer upon request [James 5:13-16].)

* When the Creed states that Jesus “descended into hell,” we understand it to mean that he suffered the holy wrath of God for the sins of his people.

† Or, “universal.”

Jesus Paid It All

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1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small;
2. For noth - ing good have I Where - by Thy grace to claim;
3. And now com - plete in Him, My robe, His right - eous - ness,
4. Lord, now in - deed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine a - lone,
5. When from my dy - ing bed My ran - somed soul shall rise,
6. And when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com - plete,

Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."
I'll wash my gar - ments white In the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
Close shel - tered 'neath His side, I am di - vine - ly blest.
Can change the lep - er's spots, And melt the heart of stone.
"Je - sus died my soul to save," Shall rend the vault - ed skies.
I'll lay my tro - phies down, All down at Je - sus' feet.

Refrain

Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

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May Our God Be Known (Psalm 67)

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column starting at measure 1 and the second column starting at measure 3. The score ends with a double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

1. May our God be known for his grace; May the
2. Let the na - tions sing and be glad for the

3 earth re-joice in his blessing. May our God be known for his
Lord is com ing with jus-tice. Let the na - tions sing and be

6 love, and the smile that shines from his face. May your
glad for our God is com - ing with peace. Now let

9 way be known on the earth so that all the na - tions will
all the ends of the earth fill with ho - ly won - der and

12 sing and re-joice in knowing the God of grace!
joy, for our God is com-ing to reign as king!

(Repeat Song)

BENEDICTION • 1 Thessalonians 3:12

May the Lord make you increase and abound
in love for one another and for all.

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For Those Joining Us In Person... Greetings! We hope that you will feel comfortable being with us this morning (even though church is often an uncomfortable experience!). We leave it up to your personal discretion whether you wear a mask or observe social distancing during worship.

For Those Joining Us On Zoom... Please remain “muted” throughout the service, but feel free to “unmute” afterwards and catch up with each other. (You can find each Sunday’s liturgy posted online at ascensionpc.org/worship.)

Church Picnic • Today (June 27) after Worship, at the Walnut Street Park (SE 18th & Walnut). Bring a picnic lunch and a lawn chair or blanket.

Men’s Breakfast • 7:30am Sat., July 3, at Tim Sery’s (17290 SW Seiffert Road in Scholls). Please bring a food dish to share, and a lawn chair.

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of the month (July 4), in addition to our regular offering, we collect *alms*, gifts of mercy. These gifts go toward a fund the deacons use to meet urgent needs as we are made aware of them. (If you need financial help, please let us know! Contact: deacons@ascensionpc.org.)

Coffee Hospitality • We would like more volunteers to help serve refreshments after Worship on Sundays, the goal being a larger rotation where people would only need to volunteer once a quarter. This would be a great opportunity for young people (age 12 and up) to participate in simple service, supervised by Holly! Contact Holly Elliott if you’d like to help (nerdymomma@gmail.com).

Women’s Study • Connect on Zoom at 7pm on Mondays to study Paul Miller’s book, *A Praying Life*, together. Contact Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

Summer Campout • Fri., Aug. 20 - Sun., Aug. 22 at Beverly Beach State Park. Contact Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com).

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Name(s)

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- I want to know more about being a Christian.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
- Please send me the email newsletter.
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