

First Baptist Church in Needham

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Worship and Prayer Resource

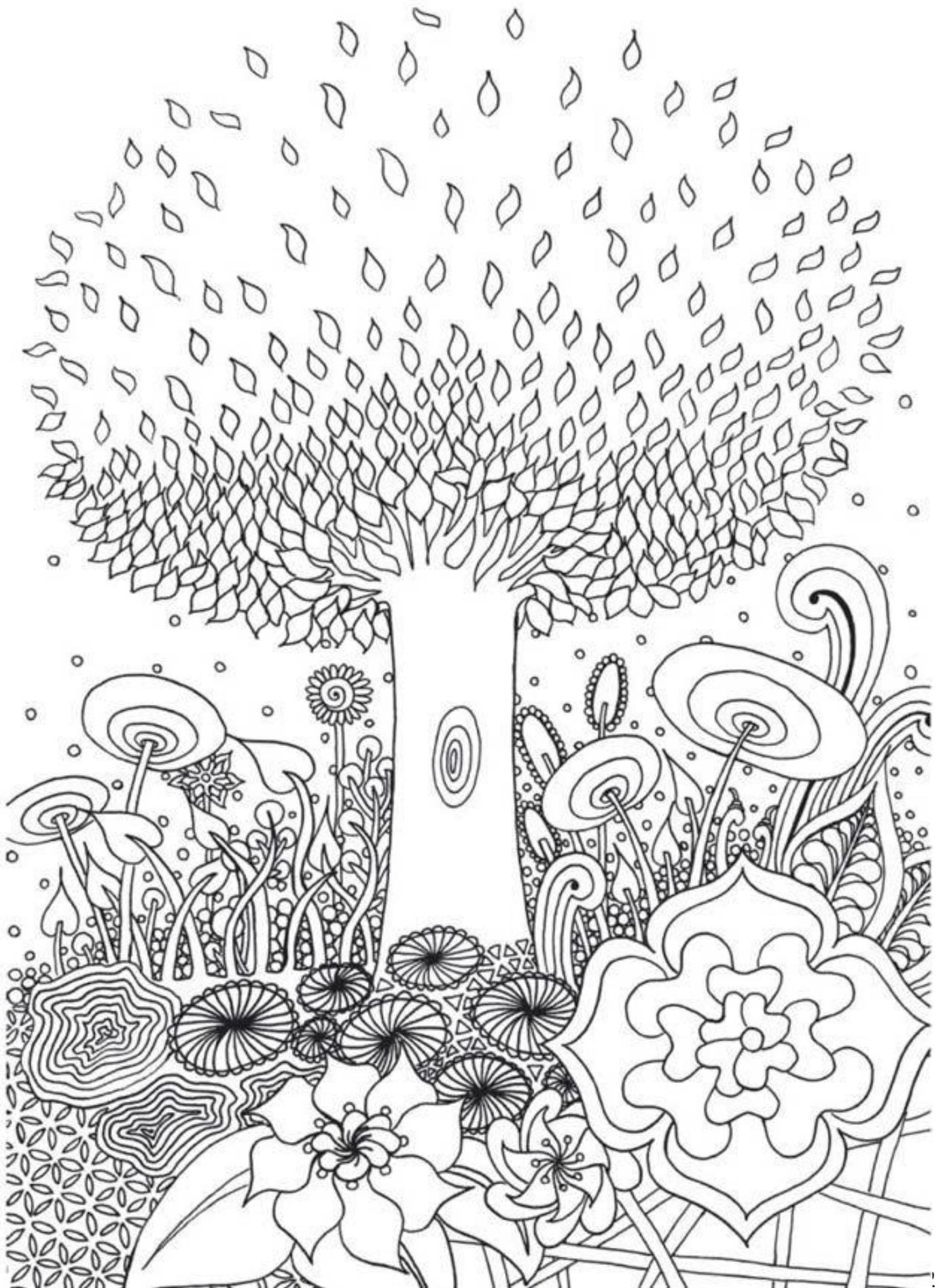
Sunday, June 6, 2021

(for whenever you are so led to pause, reflect, and pray)

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Scripture

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in your word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem. It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am.

Be still and know.

Be still.

Be.

We Hold in Prayer...

Many of this week's prayers are requests from members of our congregation in the past week.

If you have general or specific prayer requests - joys as well as concerns - to share please contact Holly or Daryn to pass them along.

As a community of faith gathered in Spirit, we offer our hearts and voices in prayer where we are, entrusting the Spirit's moving among us and responding far beyond our individual reach and influence...

Prayers of Gratitude & Thanksgiving

O God, thank you for each new day and all that it brings. You promise to provide all that I need, caring not only for me, but for all creation and so I rejoice...

With Anna, Harry, and Nancy celebrating birthdays in the first days of June.

With Barbara and Harry in gratitude for FBC Needham and Pastors, Daryn and Holly.

With Anthony for a week off from work to rest and renew.

With Louise for the happiness of companionship and the love of family.

With Harry for advanced technology that enables him to hear more clearly with apps on his phone and tablet and for the good work of the Senior Center.

With Clif who will receive the "Golden Deeds" award from the Exchange Club for his volunteer service to the community on June 24.

With Peggy in the goodness to be home from travels and the beauty of the beginning of summer greening in New England.

With Kathy in celebrating her mother-in-law's recent birthday.

With Mark Hellberg for all the graduates moving into the next stages of their lives.

With Pastor Holly who celebrated her twelfth ordination anniversary on May 31.

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow....

Prayers of Personal Concern, Healing, Solace, & Courage

Faithful God, you know me inside and out, all my hopes and dreams, fears and failures. You hear your children cry out for healing and consolation, courage and strength. Send your Spirit as we seek to follow Jesus's teachings and life's ministry while sharing the concerns of our hearts as I pray...

With Clif as he undergoes medical tests that he receives conclusive results.

With Liz now grieving her cousin, Linda's death in Florida. We hold to Spirit's consolation Linda's husband, Mike, daughter, Noelle, her mother and extended family as Linda is held to God's nearer presence.

With Harry in concern for Ernie as he continues treatment.

With Pastor Holly's childhood friend, Elaine Hunt, undergoing chemotherapy and radiation for cancer.

With George for the bittersweet experience of loving and remembering beloved family who have entered God's nearer presence in death over the years.

With Jim for his daughter, Mackenzie who undergoes surgery on Friday – for her healing and wellbeing.

With Pastor Daryn and Pastor Holly for the congregation's intentional decisions with *Creative Callings*.

Lord, in your mercy, hear my prayer....

Prayers for the Community, Nation, & World

God of compassion and justice, there is so much in the news that is painful, from natural disasters to governmental actions to hunger, poverty, and violence. And there are so many instances of lovingkindness, beauty, and hope. Move among your creation and your children, as I pray...

For the Nursery School teachers, parents, and children as they celebrated the year's end and their transition to becoming Neighborhood Nursery School in connection with the Needham Children's Center. And for the children who will enter kindergarten in the fall.

As we remember and acknowledge the sin of racism that remains in our culture and country—especially highlighted in the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Massacre—may we continue to do the hard and necessary work to challenge our unrecognized prejudices and privileges both individually and collectively and be open

to truly transformative change in word, heart, and action. May we be contributors to a truly embracing and empowering community of healing.

For the goodness and blessing of members of the LGBTQIA+ community that their presence, compassion, and celebration of life during June PRIDE be received and returned seven-fold especially by we who claim religious faith and spiritual practice to enable healing strands of affirmation and welcoming community where pain and rejection has existed.

With Mark for the millions of people who continue to live under the scourge of COVID with limited vaccine access and inadequate medical resources, especially in India. And for persons struggling with long-term COVID debilitation with no clear remedy or treatment in place.

For the moving of your Spirit in hope and healing throughout our world, praise God, from whom all blessings flow ... And for your enduring presence, justice, and mercy in our brokenness, Lord, in your mercy, hear my prayer....

Concluding the Prayer

For the prayers of my heart that you, Holy One, know even when words cannot hold them...Hear my prayer, O Lord...

+++ Offer your own prayers here. +++

Hear my prayer, O Lord...as I pray the prayer your son taught us saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your 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 yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Announcements

Our **church office** is open for our Office Manager, Robin Bevilacqua. We are encouraging limited visits to the church building, and all who visit are required to mask, sign-in, and socially distance. **If you need to speak with Robin, please call ahead if you can.** Pastoral and other church staff are working from home. Office voicemail and email are being checked regularly.

If you have a pastoral concern, contact Pastor Daryn or Pastor Holly by email, phone, or text.

Worship Resource and Calls of Caring are Provided Each Week

You are encouraged to make use of the Worship Resources and to find other meaningful opportunities for worship and reflection, Zoom services, or other spiritually enriching means of communing with God and community during this time of social distancing. Contact Pastor Daryn or Pastor Holly if you need help finding links to join other online services.

Offering

Your continued financial support of the daily work and ministries of FBC Needham is vital. Offerings can be turned in during Worship on the Lawn, through the church website online, or via mail. May the act of giving be a spiritual practice that accompanies your daily prayer and worship.

Mail Checks to:

First Baptist Church in Needham
858 Great Plain Avenue,
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Online:

Go to <https://www.fbcneedham.org>
Click the **Take Action** link & follow the directions.

Make checks payable to: First Baptist Church in Needham.
Please indicate it is your offering or pledge on the check.

Worship on the Lawn

(weather permitting)

Sundays in June

10:00 a.m.

COVID protocols – masks and physical distancing – remain in place.

As we are moving through *Creative Callings* congregational decision-making and prepare for individual vocational discernment and exploration, join us on the Warren Street side lawn of our building for worship on Sundays. Contact Pastor Daryn with any questions.

Planning to Attend? Pre-register at: www.fbcneedham.org/worship-ministries

Services are also recorded and posted on our website for later viewing at:
www.fbcneedham.org/outdoor-worship

Nursery School Celebration

We celebrated the 50+ years of FBC Needham's ministry to the community through the Nursery School and their transition and future as part of Needham Children's Center as Neighborhood Nursery School as part of their end of year party. Pastor Daryn presented the teachers with collections of children's books and bouquets of peonies and led the children and parents in blessing the Nursery School's future.²



² Photo courtesy of Robin Bevilacqua.

Creative Callings

Collaboration, Innovation, and Prophetic Witness



Boston University School of Theology
Center for Practical Theology

Creative Callings Year 2, Session 2:

COLLECTIVE & INDIVIDUAL VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT

Intentional Decisions – Faithfully Stepping Forward

Continues on Thursdays, at 6:30pm on Zoom!

April – May – *Honing Our Congregational Call/Recognizing New Life*: intentional conversation and reflection as a community

June – July – *One on Ones*: individual vocational discernment conversations

Previous videos are available on the *Creative Callings* link on the church website. If you have questions about *Creative Callings*, or how you can best support First Baptist in our participation, please contact Pastor Daryn, pastordaryn@fbcneedham.org, or Pastor Holly, pastorholly@fbcneedham.org.

World Relief

Offering in June

Events of the past year have shown us that even in times when we cannot be physically together in one place, our offerings to support American Baptist Churches USA's One Great Hour of



Sharing continue to strengthen our church's presence all over the world: providing water to the thirsty, food for the hungry, and hope for the weary. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you *"Let Love Flow."* Your generosity ensures that, even during uncertainty, the transforming power of love continues to change the world.



Highland Glee Club
& Special Guests

PRESENT

"SONGS O' THE SEA"

**Free
Admission!**

Saturday, June 12th, 1 PM

Rain date: Sunday, June 13th, 12 PM
Hyde Community Center - Outdoor
Pavilion, 90 Lincoln St., Newton
Highlands. Donations welcome!
info: www.highlandgleeclub.com

