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5<sup>th</sup> Lent

"Sharing God's Love"

# Wandering Heart

*"Teach me"*

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## **Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

We are one of the parishes that make up The Diocese of Ohio and are part of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America. We are also part of the worldwide Anglican Communion and at the head of the Anglican Communion is the Archbishop of Canterbury.

St. Andrew's is made up of diverse people who find meaning and experience community through relationships – with God, with ourselves as we seek to know God, with each other and with the world in which we live. We are old and young, female and male, gay and straight, cis-gender and non-binary in gender identification. We are single, married, divorced, widowed, black and white across a wide socio-economic range. In fact we are like everybody. We work in our communities and invest in work around the world. We study and we ask questions as we move deeper into the mystery of God. We support one another in good times and bad, and we try to see Christ in everyone we meet.

St. Andrew's mission statement is, "Sharing God's Love. "We believe that we are participating with God in God's work in the world. We are an open and affirming, inclusive community of faith, believing that God loves everyone, no exceptions.

Since December of 2019, we have made the work of anti-racism a priority by confessing, studying, praying, advocating and in activism for racial equity and social justice. We have been described as "Traditional in pews and kneelers, ornate altar and vestments. Modern in energy, ordination of women, and respect for all people regardless of the many ways God makes us different. Common in the humble, simple way these people, place and time come together to be extraordinary."

### ***Commitment to Racial Justice***

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Elyria, Ohio recognizes that the church, as a body of Christ, has a responsibility to act on behalf of others, especially the marginalized and the oppressed. We vow in our Baptismal Covenant to "seek and serve Christ in all persons" and to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." We believe that this includes directly confronting the legacy and reality of racism, both individually and that which is systemic and institutionalized in our society. We must work to end economic, educational, employment, healthcare, housing and other injustices in our own lives, institutions, communities, and the world. To that end, we must be aware and well informed, and thereby better able to determine the actions our faith requires of us – actions that help us to practice justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

### **Visitors**

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you. We want to know more about who you are and so we ask that you please complete the visitor's card (in pews or ask usher) and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

#### **Eucharistic Ministers for March 17**

8:30am—Jon Quisenberry/Judi Hudnutt

10:30am—Gwen Frazier/Jean Hays

#### **Acolytes for March 17**

8:30am—Jon Quisenberry

10:30am—Mary Millinder/Cole Von Gunten

#### **Ushers for March 17**

10:30am—Steve Gonosey

#### **Lectors for March 17**

8:30am—Judi Hudnutt

10:30am—Jane McDonald

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**March 23, at 6pm:** Intergenerational Game Night

**March 24, 10:30am—Palm Sunday:** Bishop Jolly Visitation (baptism, confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation)

**March 28, at 7pm:** Maundy Thursday Liturgy and Foot Washing

**March 29, at noon:** Good Friday Service (In-Person)

**March 29, at 7pm:** Good Friday Zoom Service

**March 30, at 7:30pm:** Easter Vigil at Christ Church, Oberlin

**March 31, at 10:30am:** Easter Day Service

8:30 am      **Enriching Our Worship**      10:30 am

BCP = Red Book of Common Prayer, Blue Hymnal 1982,  
Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (LEVAS), Wonder, Love and Praise Hymnal (WLP)  
\*Music at 10:30am only

Call to Worship\*

Voluntary\*

“Slade” Traditional Irish Melody. Performed  
by Music Director Emerita, Joan VanWormer

Processional Hymn\*

Hymn 158 “Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended” © Robert Bridges

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation

**People: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

BCP 356 / LEVAS 236 © G.I.A. Publications

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.**

**Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy on us.**

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

**Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

(The people sit)

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 51:1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
***in your great compassion blot out my offenses.***
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
***and cleanse me from my sin.***
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
***and my sin is ever before me.***
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
***and done what is evil in your sight.***
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
***and upright in your judgment.***
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
***a sinner from my mother's womb.***
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
***and will make me understand wisdom secretly.***
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
***wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.***
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
***that the body you have broken may rejoice.***
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
***and blot out all my iniquities.***
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
***and renew a right spirit within me.***
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
***and take not your holy Spirit from me.***
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
***and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.***

## A Reading from Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
 today I have begotten you”;  
 as he says also in another place,  
 “You are a priest forever,  
 according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(all stand)

Sequence Hymn\*

Hymn 441 “In The Cross Of Christ I Glory” by John Bowring

John 12:20-33

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

**People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Savior.  
***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Children's Sermon  
 The Sermon

Ben Holcomb  
 The Rev. Christopher Hofer

Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God,  
     the Father, the Almighty,  
     maker of heaven and earth,  
     of all that is, seen and unseen.***  
***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
     the only Son of God,  
     eternally begotten of the Father,  
     God from God, Light from Light,  
     true God from true God,  
     begotten, not made,  
     of one Being with the Father.  
     Through him all things were made.  
     For us and for our salvation  
     he came down from heaven:  
     was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
     and the Virgin Mary  
     and became truly human.  
     For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
     he suffered death and was buried.  
     On the third day he rose again  
     in accordance with the Scriptures;  
     he ascended into heaven  
     and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
     He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
     and his kingdom will have no end.***  
***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
     who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
     Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
     Who has spoken through the Prophets.  
     We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.***

***We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

The Prayers of the People for Lent

Celebrant: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

*You are invited to read the role of the intercessor as you are led. If more than one voice reads the same lines, please listen to one another and read simultaneously.*

Intercessor: We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God.  
Wash us through and through,  
***And cleanse us from our sin.***

Intercessor: We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. Purge us from our sin,  
***And we shall be pure.***

Intercessor: We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice,  
***that those who are broken may rejoice.***

Intercessor: We pray for those who live under the threat of terror and war and those without a place to lay their head. Make them hear of joy and gladness  
***that those who are broken may rejoice.***

Intercessor: We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely. Give them the joy of your saving help,  
***and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.***

Intercessor: In this season of Lent we pray for those who prepare for baptism, confirmation, reception and reaffirmation, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
***and renew a right spirit within us.***

Intercessor: We pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
***and renew a right spirit within us.***

Intercessor: We pray for those who have died, and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. Cast them not away from your presence,  
***and take not your Holy Spirit from them.***

Celebrant: Aloud or in silence, please add your prayers of intercession, petition and thanksgiving.

We pray for... *(please add your own prayers aloud or in silence)*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you taught your disciples that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit; as we prepare our hearts to remember your death and resurrection, grant us the strength and wisdom to serve and follow you, this day and always. ***Amen.*** (adapted from Prayers of the People for Lent based on Psalm 51 by Rick Morley)

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

*(Silence may be kept)*



**All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Please greet one another with the Peace of the Lord.)*

Welcome, Announcements, and Special Prayers

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Offertory Anthem\*

"When Jesus Wept" arr. by AF Schultz

*(please stand as able for the Presentation of Gifts)*

Presentation of the Gifts\*

Hymn 686 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
(verses 1 & 2) © OneLicense

The Great Thanksgiving (Enriching Our Worship Prayer 2)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Andrew and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say:

***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***

Breaking of the Bread  
Fraction

LEVAS 270 "Lamb of God" © Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewiss

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.***

Celebrant: The table of bread and wine is now made ready.



***All: It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; You who have been here often and you who have not been for a while. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed;***

Celebrant: Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The Holy Communion *(All are welcome to receive from God's Table)*

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

Eucharistic Minister: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Minister: The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Hymns\*

WLP 757 "Will You Come And Follow Me?" © Church Publishing Inc  
WLP 801 "God Be With You Til We Meet Again" © Church Publishing Inc

Post Communion Prayer *(standing or kneeling as able)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

***God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***

The Blessing

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn\*

Hymn 474 "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" by Isaac Watts

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Welcome for the Rev. Christopher Hofer**

We would like to extend a word of welcome and thanks to Rev. Christopher Hofer, who is filling in as supply clergy while Rev. June is away this weekend attending to family.

**St. Andrew's Prayer List:**Our Spiritual Leaders

Michael, our Presiding Bishop  
 Anne, our Bishop  
 June, our Priest  
 Jane, our Deacon  
 Mark Skladan, our Music Director  
 Joan, our Music Director, Emerita  
 Ben, our Director of Youth  
 and Children's Ministry

Our Friends

Christ Church, Oberlin  
 Church of the Redeemer, Lorain  
 Redeemer Lutheran Church, Elyria  
 Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elyria  
 The Original Glorious Apostolic Church  
 Elyria First United Methodist Church  
 Avon United Methodist Church

**Active-Duty Military:** John Able, Stephanie Bacskay, Rose Buttle, Luke Colcough, Aaron Colcough, Dylan Donnelly, Charles Kellogg, Kim Reich, Gavin Schwan, Ryan Sumner, Ashley Augustine

**Churches in Our Mission Area:** St. Paul's, Bellevue; St. Paul's, Fremont; Christ Church, Huron; Redeemer, Lorain; St. Paul's, Norwalk; St. Thomas, Port Clinton; St. Paul's, Put-in-Bay; Grace, Sandusky; Old Trinity, Tiffin; Christ Church, Oberlin

**Long Term Illnesses/Injuries:** Kathy Inderrieden (Karen Blair's daughter), Pauline McKenna (Karen Blair's daughter) Paul Tanner (partner of Jolene Adkins), Scott Holcomb, Garfield Johns, Shelly Perkins, Margaret Roach, Deshawn (and family), John Palermo, Terry Finkbone (brother of Harry Finkbone)

**At Home:** Virginia Larson, Donna Quisenberry, Sally Ruth, Barbara Tobin, Patricia Pozywak, Bobbi Holliday, Taffy Valassis, Robert Anderson, Ruth Smith

**Those Who Have Died:** Joyce Priest, Wayne Emmanuel, Rob Hutchins, Shirley Schmid, Ed Vaflor, Tom Adelsberg, Fred Beiswenger, Naaman Torres (husband of Marilyn Torres)

**Other Concerns:** Bob and Mavis Hardy, Trevor Gosh, Kendra and Kendall, Pam Pudar, Wesley Stewart, Tom Heinz, John Torres, Karen Blair, Kathy Hawkins Tobin, Rich and Messiah, Linda and Tom Pennington, Mary Ann Hursky (Amy Kellogg's aunt), Sean and Natalie Prior, Lee Kauffman, Julie Joy and the Joy Family, Terry Brady, Laurie Stephens, John Kellogg, Tommy Winton, Linda Wilbert, David Dorsey, Megan Kovacik (Emily Holcomb's sister), Rance and Elaine Hutchins, Marilyn Schmid and Molly Richeson, Katelyn (granddaughter of Harry and May Ann Finkbone), Steven Laing

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**Holy Week and Easter Schedule**

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## **Announcements**

### **Easter Flowers**

Lilies and other Spring flowers will be arranged at the Altar and throughout the Church and may be given in memory of, in honor of, in celebration of loved ones, or in thanksgiving for God's blessings. If you are interested in giving a commemoration, please contact Jesse V. at the office by email or phone, or contact Ellen Otis at 440-284-1737. The price remains \$35.

### **Intergenerational Game Night is Back! March 23, starting at 5pm**

From dice builders to Dixit, everyone of all ages are welcome to join us for an intergenerational board game night! Come play old favorites or discover a new game to love!

### **St. Andrew's Night at Progressive Field**

Join us for the Guardians game on Friday June 21st against the Toronto Blue Jays. We will once again have seats in the Family Deck, so those of you with a fear of heights or very narrow stairs don't need to worry. We will be in Section 311 again which is in right field near the visiting team's bullpen. There will be fireworks and it's Dollar Dog night and "Free Shirt Friday"! For those of you "of age" there will also be \$2 beer before the game. Ticket prices are \$25 each. Please submit your ticket orders to Amy Kellogg on or before May 10, 2024. You can reach her at [akellogg@bakerlaw.com](mailto:akellogg@bakerlaw.com) or 440-821-2458.

### **St. Andrew's "Freedge" Update: We Need Your Help!**

The "Freedge" (free refrigerator for those in need) at the south branch of the Elyria Public Library is an ongoing ministry for St. Andrew's. Since August of 2023, we have had volunteer shoppers that have been restocking the Freedge weekly. We are so proud to be a part of the effort to meet a vital need in our community. However, funds for the Freedge are starting to run low. Please consider donating to this important outreach ministry. Contributions can be made by cash or a check made out to St. Andrew's with "Freedge" in the memo line. We are thankful for all those who have donated and ask for your continued support.

### **All Are Invited to Participate in the Rite of Reaffirmation on Palm Sunday**

The Rite of Reaffirmation is celebrated with those who want to publicly reaffirm their baptismal vows in the presence of the bishop and the community. While we periodically renew our baptismal promises at baptisms and other services, the Rite of Reaffirmation is similar but distinct in that it is a recommitment as well as a renewal. Rev. June would like to offer an invitation to everyone in the congregation to consider offering yourselves for the Rite of Reaffirmation of faith during Bishop Anne's visit on Palm Sunday. If you feel called to reaffirm your faith at this time, we ask that you please sign up by filling out the sign up sheet that is on the round table in the gathering space.

### **Readers Needed for Palm Sunday Passion Theater**

We are in need of volunteers to serve as readers for the Passion Story on Sunday. If interested, you can sign up by filling out the online form [here](#), or you can fill out the sign up sheet that is on the round table in the gathering space.

### **Help the Rector's Discretionary Fund**

The existence and use of clergy discretionary funds in The Episcopal Church largely rest on Church Canon, originally adopted in 1814, as well as a long tradition implementing this canon in congregations nationally. Rev. June uses her fund for "pious and charitable purposes" and often includes assisting those in need with rent, gasoline, medication, personal products and more. Rev. June has sole discretion and is not required to get approval. Generally, the dollar amount of the assistance is small and not recurring. The discretionary fund is funded directly from church accounts by Vestry approval or from donations. Due to a recent increase in need, the balance in this account is very low. You are invited to consider donating directly to this fund as a way to help those in need in our church family and the wider community.

Please use this coloring page as an opportunity for spiritual meditation and reflection.

