

The Peoples Weekly Mini Mouse



Manse Cat Monthly: Musings from Pastor Leia / her cat

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Today was a lonely Maundy Thursday. It's the day of the church year that remembers Jesus' last meal with his friends, because even God needed to draw strength from friends during a time of pain and heartbreak and fear. It is especially difficult that during this time of pain, heartbreak, and fear, we are unable to physically share meals with our friends. I am immensely grateful that I was able to enjoy a virtual dinner party in "THE UPPER ZOOM" with Bill Kolasa, the Londons, Nancy Kuzniar, and Skip Lawver. After our evening prayer together this evening, I had another zoom session, this time with seminary friends. We recorded ourselves singing "Were You There" for Good Friday...except that,

unfortunately, it turns out that there is *just* enough time lag that our voices became a surreally layered mess. Regardless, it was still a blessing to be able to spend time with them and I'm sorry you won't get to hear their voices. :

On Good Friday at 7pm, the video of the Tenebrae service that I filmed with Pastor Jackie of Marble United Methodist should be premiering on our facebook page. Tenebrae is the Latin name for "a service of shadows." As Jackie and I took turns reading parts of the passion story, we blew out candles to represent the light of Christ leaving the world. Speaking of old languages, "passion" in the archaic sense refers not to a strong feeling but to the suffering of a martyr, so when we refer

to Christ's passion, we're talking about the crucifixion narrative. At 8pm, I will lead a short evening prayer on facebook live.

On Saturday, we streamed an Easter vigil service. The Easter vigil is a very very (VERY) old tradition that recounts the stories of faith that have led us to the hours before dawn when the stone will be found rolled away and the tomb will be found empty. It was the service during which new believers would be baptized in the early church. In the ancient reckoning of time, the new day begins at sunset, not sunrise, which is why the first Creation narrative in Genesis repeats the phrase "and there was evening and there was morning, the first day."

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- COVID-19 Precautions
- Family Updates
- Essential Members
- Easter games and puzzles

Pastor Leia Continued

How are you planning to celebrate Easter this year? My weather app is predicting rain, so I don't think I'll be having an outdoor picnic with the neighborhood bunny. I am, however, looking forward to decorating some egg-shaped sugar cookies and trading Gingersnap's purple collar for Lent for her Easter collar with spring flowers. My cat is very keen on the colors of the church year.

While you're spending Easter indoors, perhaps you might liven up your window by coloring one of the coloring pages in this newsletter. I still have my hand-colored palm branch in my front window from last week, with tiny prayers written under the green ink. I brought my office white board home to put in the window, too, but I haven't thought of anything particularly clever or encouraging to write on it yet. Any suggestions from Peoples? I'm all ears! It's been neat to see handmade or handwritten reminders of community on solitary walks through town. If you put up

Easter art or have any beautiful flowers coming up, please send pictures!

I hope that many of you will join me this Sunday as I live stream worship on Facebook at 10am. You can follow along with the prayers, readings, and hymns, which will be published on our website under the heading "Worship" in the main menu. Following our worship service on Sunday, you are invited to a virtual coffee hour! You can join in the conversation by clicking

<https://zoom.us/j/146874134?pwd=K1krZkFrTnJMTHFoV2JwdTk1QWdXUT09>. If you don't have the set-up to join a video conference, you could also join by telephone by dialing (312) 626-6799 and entering the meeting code 146 874 134, followed by the password 075003.

Stay tuned for the next mini Mouse or check our website, peoplespresbyterian.org, where updates will be posted under the new menu heading "Covid-19."



Christ
is
Risen!



Caring Corner

I Pray We Don't Go Back To Normal..

1. I pray that the next time a friend grabs me and pulls me in for a hug, I actually take the time to appreciate the gift of their embrace.
2. I pray that when school resumes and people are dropping kids off, they take the time to thank the staff for the amazing gift that they give to our community.
3. I pray that the next time I'm sitting in a crowded restaurant I take the time to look around at the smiling faces, loud voices and thank God for the gift of community.
4. I pray that the next time I'm standing in church listening to the voices of praise and worship that I take a moment to thank God for the gift of congregation.
5. I pray that the next time I see a person or situation that needs prayer, I hope I pray as passionately and fervently as I have these past few weeks.
6. I pray that when I am at the grocery store that I take a moment to thank God that He provides us with the necessities of life and the amazing people who work so hard to keep us supplied.
7. I pray that I never again take for granted the ability to hop in the car and visit a friend, go to the mall, go to a gathering, etc.

So, truth is, I don't want things to return to the way they once were. I pray that we take the lessons and challenges of the past few weeks and create a new normal. My goal is to pray more, love harder, and truly appreciate the daily abundance of blessings that were so easily overlooked just a mere few weeks ago.

Have a blessed day!

-Carole London

The Center for Disease Control recommends that people wear masks when you MUST go out in public. Keep in mind the mask is intended to protect other people from you (in case you are one of the carriers of the corona virus). It does offer you some protection but do not assume you are safe because you wear a mask. The best defense to corona virus is to stay stay home, wash your hands frequently, don't touch your face or eyes. If you must leave your home, wear a mask, stay 6 feet away from others, use hand sanitizer, leave your purse home and carry only driver's license, cash and anything you have to have with you (nitroglycerin tabs).

For homemade masks, recent studies have shown the best protection is 100% quilting cotton (high thread count bed sheets, t-shirts, bandanas, scarfs, flannel are all lower protection options). FOUR LAYERS worked best but is harder to breathe through. TWO layers is what most home sewn masks use and if you can tolerate it, use two masks at the same time. Some people cut up vacuum cleaner bags or coffee filters to make masks or to insert into the mask for extra protection.

When you hold a mask up to a bright light you shouldn't see a lot of light coming through. . . The more light, the less protection. There is a lady on the corner of Hurd & Marvin street that makes masks and hangs them on a plant pole at the walk. I was told they are free to take and you can leave cash at her door if you want to help cover costs.

Remember the virus can live on fabric for some time. When you get home from any trip outside of your home, wash your clothes and mask. If you need a mask please Diane London know.

If you use Google searches for information, choose reliable sites like the CDC, [Michigan.gov](https://www.washtenaw.org/3095/COVID-19), <https://www.washtenaw.org/3095/COVID-19>, Mayo clinic, Cleveland clinic etc.

-Diane London

Some of us are able to stay home.

Yes, days start to blend into each other, and we long to see family and friends. However, it is for the best.

Unfortunately, we do have some people in our congregation who are going to work as "essential workers".

They leave their homes every day and do their best not to become infected so their families can stay healthy.

Let's keep the people mentioned below in our daily prayers that they can remain healthy through out this very trying time. If there are other essential workers who are not in the list, please let us know so we can keep you in our prayers as well.

Diane Glover - nurse at St Joes

Staci Bashaw

Lori and son Jesse Fugate

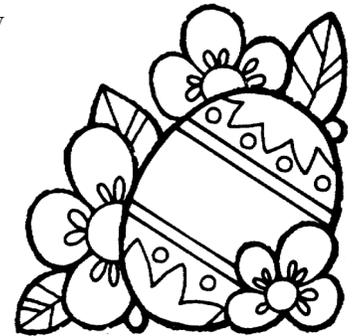
Tony Gehring

Stacy and Larry Johnson

I am not aware of anyone who has been laid off because of the closure of so many businesses, but if you know of anyone in that position, please let us know. We want to "be there" for everyone in our church family.

Let's stay connected and think of others as we all work through the coming days.

-Carole London



The Family Fold

(Due to PPC's Worship & Coffee Hour Hiatus, we asked the families of our congregation to send any updates they might want to share with us. We will continue to do this while we practice social distancing. If there is anything you would like to share, please send to ppcoffice@peoplespresbyterian.org)

The Fitzgeralds:

I have been working from home since March 12, since both my husband and I are in the high-risk group for COVID-19. I am so grateful that my employer (the University of Michigan) agreed to this even before it made the decision to encourage all non-essential personnel to work from home, if possible. I am also grateful that I have work to do and can still draw a monthly paycheck. I know that many others are not so fortunate.

So far, we are both doing well. I've been ordering our groceries online for delivery, and my son also helps out when we need something between deliveries. My cats, Finnegan and Murphy, seem to enjoy having me home (as well as my husband), and Finn especially likes to help me work. I've attached a photo of Finn helping me.

The hardest part of this has been the isolation. We are keeping in touch with friends and family as much as possible.

-Patti



The Bulmers:

Lynn and I are blessed to be spending some time with our new grandson, Sebastian.

-John



Easter GAMES and PUZZLES

There are 30 books of the Bible in these paragraphs. Can you find them?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving that she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves.

There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right there in plain view, hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown.

One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete. Reminder: there are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph.



Pastor Leia has provided an additional Easter Lily and Alleluia Poster activity on the additional pages. Enjoy!

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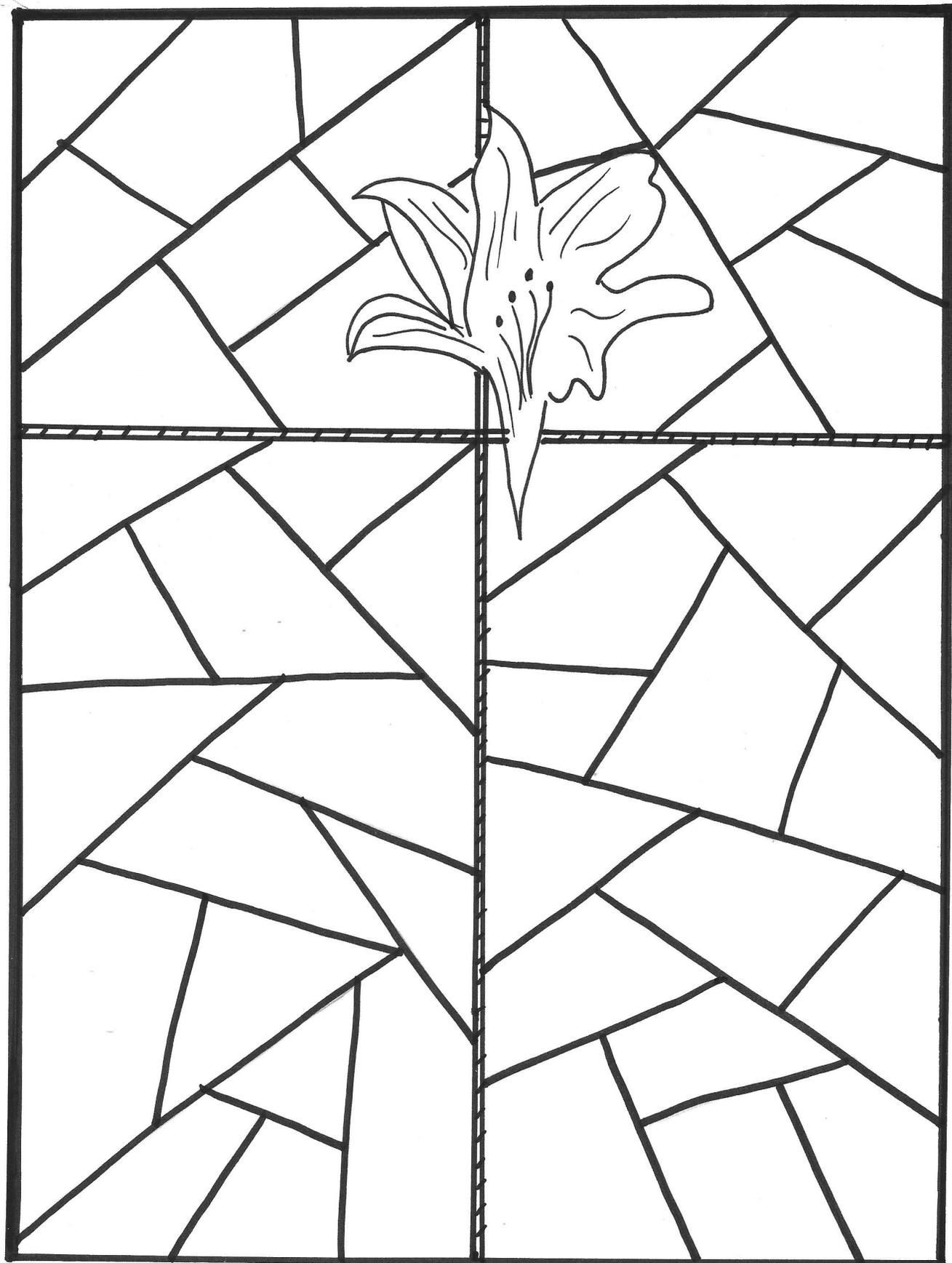
Website: www.peoplespresbyterian.org

Worship:

Streamed Weekly on Facebook Live
at 10:00 am every Sunday

Prayer Service:

Streamed Live each Wednesday on Facebook
Live at 8:00 pm





We hope you enjoy our free **Alleluia Poster!** Below you can find some instructions on how to print out the files.

Instructions:

The approximate size of the completed poster is 20.39" x 14.67".

Printing:

When you print, select either "Scale" and set at 96% or "Scale to Fit (Print Entire Image)." Each page contains "crop marks" that guide you as you cut margins off around the image. You can get an idea of how they work by looking at the below Crop Mark image:



Coloring: Have fun!

Assembly:

Cut: When it's time to assemble, use the crop marks to guide you through cutting off the margins. Please be careful not to cut into the image. This format is designed to meet together when placed side by side, and there is no overlap of images on the paper.

Arrange: Piece together the poster by arranging the images on a large table or floor, as you would a puzzle. Keep in mind you are creating a beautiful, collaborative piece of communal art - not a gallery-ready fine art print (so don't be discouraged if it doesn't line up 100%).

CROP MARK



Tape: We recommend focusing on one page at a time as you begin to tape the pieces together. When two pages match and line up to your satisfaction, tape them together. Match the next page, line it up to your satisfaction, and tape them together. Continue until you complete taping all the pages together and make a complete poster.

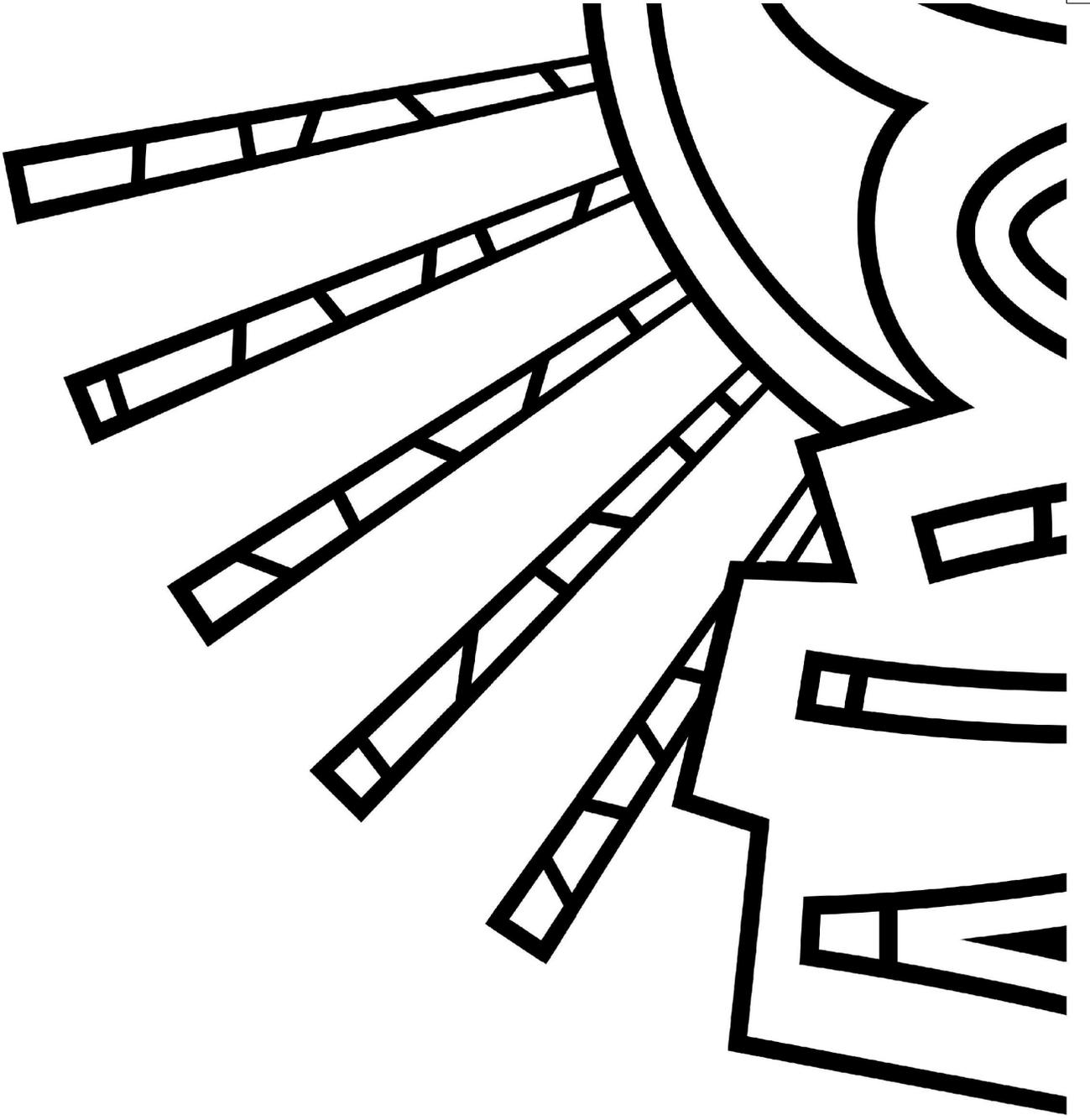
You can learn more about our Mosaic Poster Tiles printing option on our website [here](#).

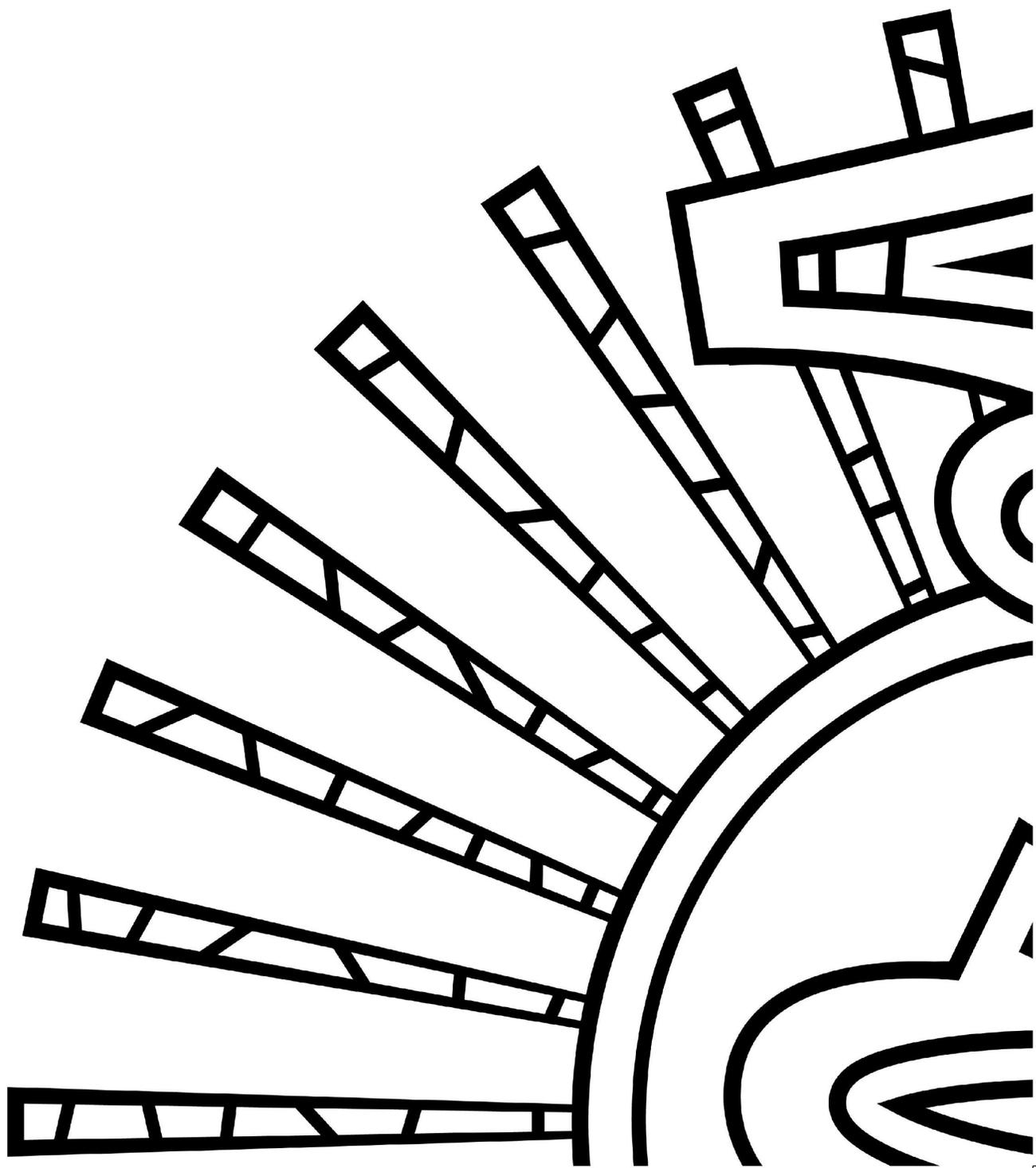
If you are interested in any other sets of our coloring posters that come with the Mosaic Poster Tiles option, you can check them out below:

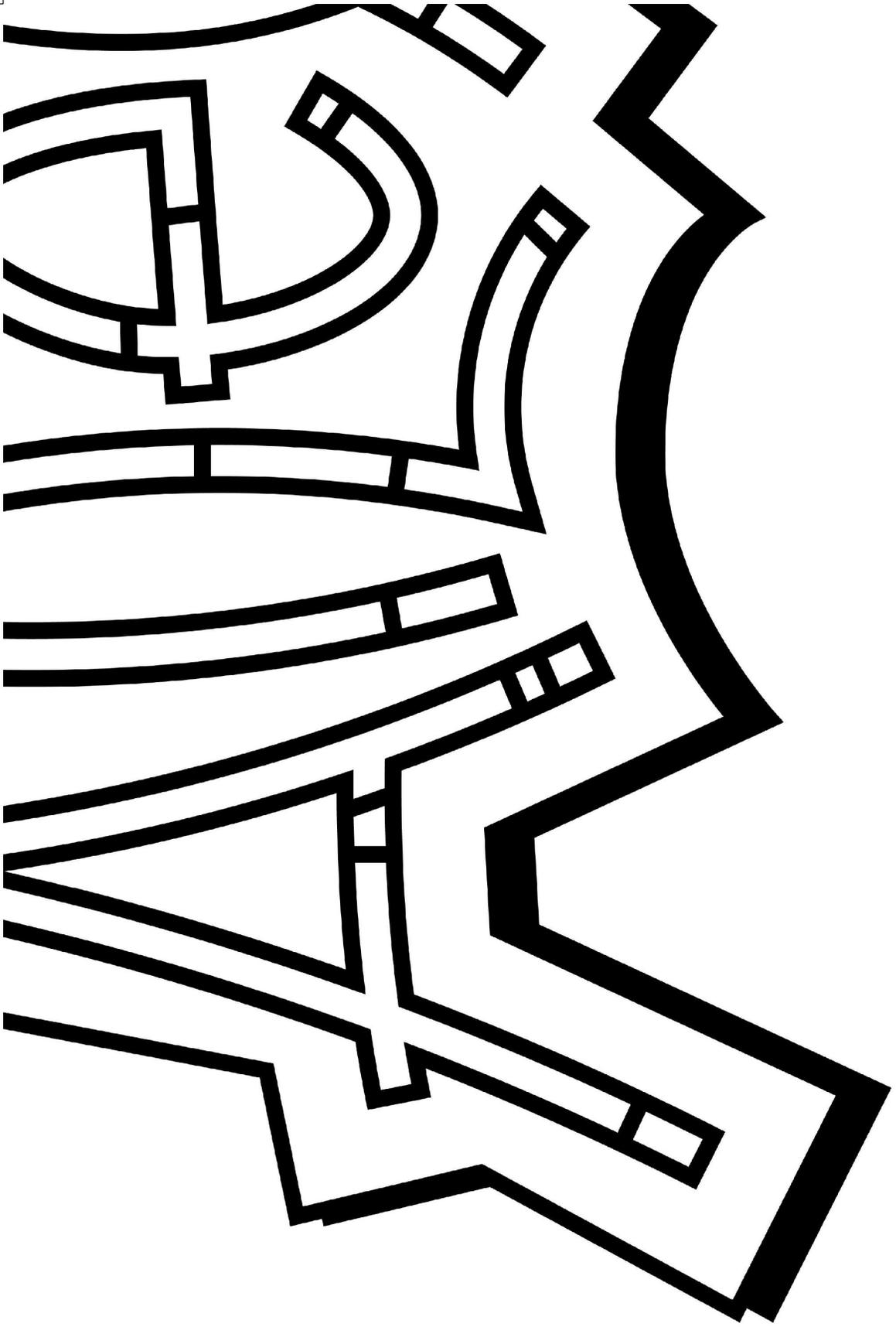
Alleluia Butterfly Coloring Page + Poster

Easter Resurrection Coloring Page + Poster

Christ is Risen Coloring Page + Poster







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