



## Have Goodwill by Creating God Boxes

As you move from our worship time in this space and turn your focus to the world around us, there is so much to be in prayer about as we seek to not let our hearts be troubled. As a container for your prayers (including the ones you wrote today during our Action Response time), and a reminder to go to God in times of anxiety or overwhelm, this God Box can serve as a way of letting go and a way of collecting our prayers for others. Repurpose empty tissue boxes or shoeboxes by decorating them with colored paper, paint, or gift wrapping. You could glue small objects to the box—like crafting gems, buttons, or even pieces of broken CDs to make a mirror mosaic. There are lots of photos to spark your imagination on Pinterest ([www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com))! ~ WDS Associate Shelley Walters



## Intergenerational Engagement

Be sure to download the **Intergenerational Engagement** pages for some great activities. This week we encourage you to make *Dancing Ribbons* to add some fun to your Praise God dance time in worship every week. Grab whatever ribbons you might have at home or things that can be cut up and turned into ribbon. Be sure to add some red so you'll be ready for Pentecost Sunday. You'll find instructions on page three of the Intergenerational Engagement pages.

## Going Deeper This Week

Throughout our Easter Worship Series, the good folk of The Work of the People have given permission or us to use resources that will help us go deeper and carry our worship into the week. Find a moment for some quiet reflection as you take in this video devotion by Rowan Williams that helps us consider what breaks our heart open. <https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/rw-what-breaks-your-heart>

## Daily Readings for This Week

Every day through scripture reading and prayer we will discover the broader story of God's Word. Together let's go deeper into God's Word this week.

Monday ... John 13:36-38

Wednesday ... John 8:31-32

Friday ... John 6:35-40, 48-51

Tuesday ... John 20:24-29

Thursday ... John 17: (1-16) 17-19

Saturday ... John 11:25-27

**Scripture for Next Sunday ...** John 14:15-21 & 1 Peter 3:13-16a

## Blessing for this Week

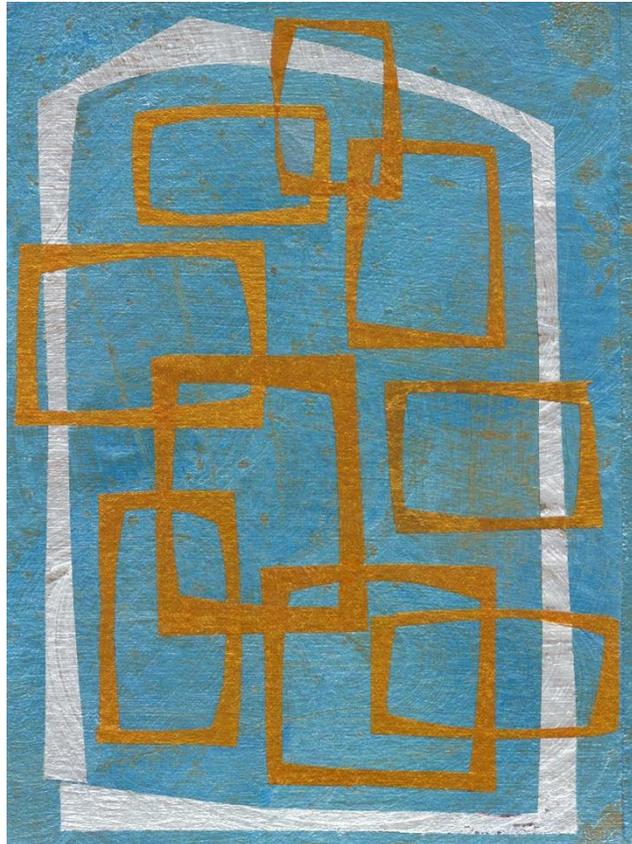
This week our prayer is a blessing written by Jan Richardson and shared on Facebook on Thursday, May 7, 2020. The accompanying image is titled “Many Rooms.” The painting and blessing are inspired by John 14:1-14. It was first published at [paintedprayerbook.com/2011/05/15/easter-5-many-rooms/](http://paintedprayerbook.com/2011/05/15/easter-5-many-rooms/)

### BLESSING WITH MANY ROOMS

As you step inside  
this blessing  
we wish to tell you  
it is large enough  
for you to lie down in.

Or  
(though it may not  
look it,  
small as it is upon  
this page)  
you can curl up  
in this blessing  
with a cup of tea  
and a good book  
beside the window—  
here, just behind you—  
that faces east.

Likewise it is true,  
though you might  
not have  
paused long enough  
to notice,  
that this blessing  
is big enough  
for a table—  
quite a sizable one  
can be accommodated—



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where your guests  
will want to linger  
far into the night.

And if they desire to stay,  
you will find that  
through this door—  
you did not see it  
before?—  
there are rooms in plenty  
where they can  
lay their heads  
and stretch out with  
abandon  
in their dreaming sleep.

One room,  
many rooms—  
in this blessing  
it is all the same.  
The point is that  
there is space  
enough.

Enough to make  
a life, a home;  
enough to make  
a world.

Enough to make  
your way toward  
the One who has made  
this way for you.

## Boost Your Heart Health with Easter Season Dance Party Playlist

Each week we encourage you to move your body. We’ve created a “playlist” that will not only help you focus on the Heart of the Matter but also help you to be heart healthy through movement. If you have a song with heart and a good beat that you’d like to add to our playlist send us an email ([umccourtstreet@gmail.com](mailto:umccourtstreet@gmail.com)) with the name of the artist and the song title. You can find our Easter Season Dance Party Playlist on our YouTube channel under the playlist tab. Let’s get moving and Praise God! Check it out at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCrYU-EowoJgCN\\_SKSyol1og/playlists](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrYU-EowoJgCN_SKSyol1og/playlists).

