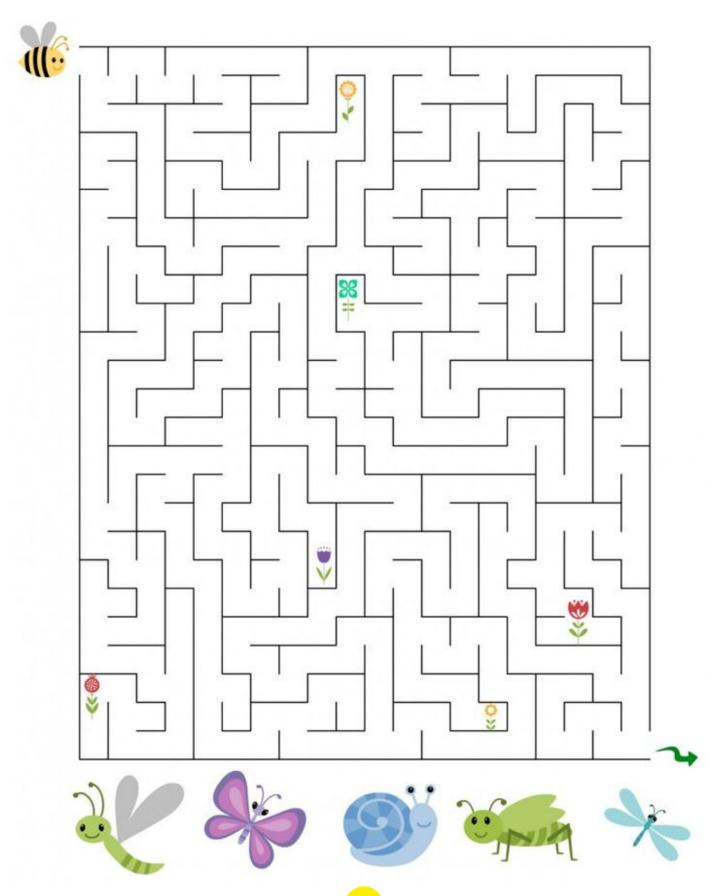
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For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.



# **SPRING MAZE**



#### HYMN OF THE MONTH

#### IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

Author - John Oxenham, 1852 - 1941

Composer – Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799-1877

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor Free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. ~ Galatians 3:28

This hymn was part of a script written in 1908 by John Oxenham for a giant missionary exhibit sponsored by the London Missionary Society's million people viewed this work. It was presented for a series of years both in England and in the United State from 1908-14. Oxenham wrote the entire text for this presentation.

John Oxenham was born in Manchester, England, on November 12, 1852. His real name was William Arthur Dunkerly. As Mr. Dunkerley ran a successful wholesale grocery company with branches in Europe and the United States. As Julian Ross he wrote fictional serial stories in a newspaper. As John Oxenham, a pseudonym borrowed from Western Ho!., a book given to him by his Sunda ool teacher, he wrote many best-selling poems and hymns. It is said that he published more than Ort, John Oxenham, volumes of verse and prose.

During the first World War, his Hymns for the Men at the front sold eight million copies. Upon his death it was discovered that he had written sixty-two books using different pseudonyms. The British Who's Who says that Oxenham took up writing as an "alleviative and alternative from business and found it much more enjoyable." Despite his busy financial and literary interests, he was known as a devout and active layman in the Congregational Churches.

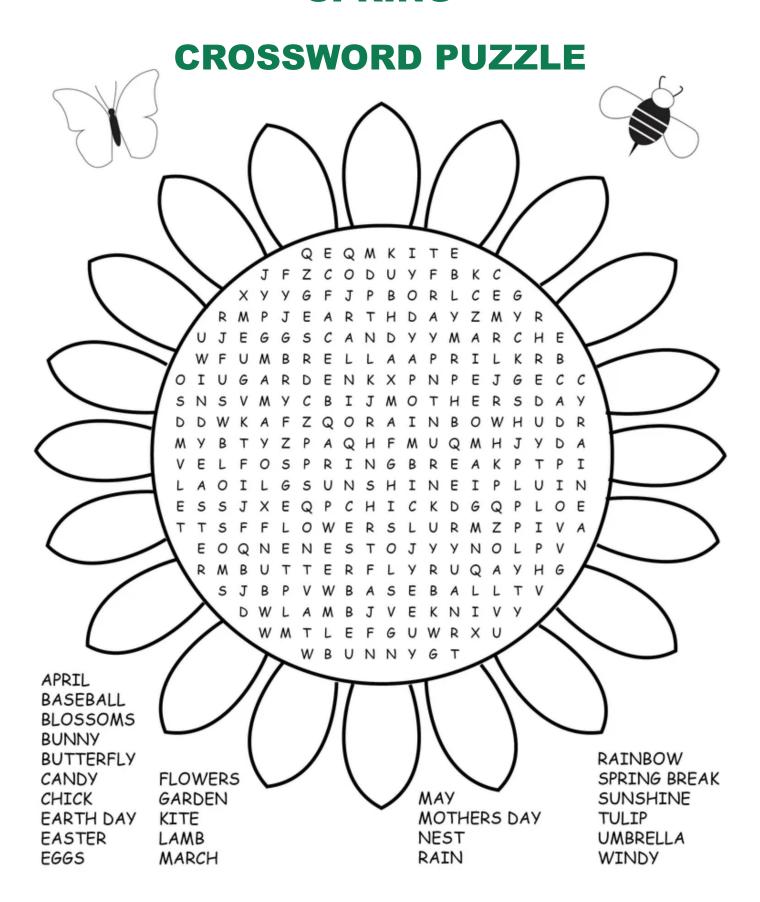
In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no south or North, But one great fellowship of love Thru-out the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion finds.
His service is the golden cord
Close binding all mankind.

Join hands then, brothers of the faith, What e-er your race may be, Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In him meet South and North.
All Christly souls are one in Him
Thru-out the whole wide earth.

#### **SPRING**



### **JMCC SPOTLIGHT**

Highlighting...

# LISA HENDERSON

Lisa Carol (Hill) Henderson is the second of eight children (one deceased) of Randolph and Ethel Hill, and Randolph and Robinette Hill. At age six, she was enrolled by her parents, Randolph and Ethel Hill, in Peabody Conservatory of Music at Johns Hopkins University to participate in a study of "colored children" to determine how they are able to hear musical phrases and play them back on the piano.

In 1976, she moved from Baltimore, MD to Washington, DC to attend Howard University. While at Howard she became a member. musician, and assisting director of the awardwinning Howard Gospel Choir. In 1979, Lisa was given the task of securing guest choirs for Howard's anniversary. At the suggestion of another choir member, she and another member walked north on 16th Street to the Canaan Baptist Church and heard the Young People's Choral Ensemble in rehearsal. At the conclusion of the rehearsal, she asked the director, the late DeWalden Jones, Jr. if the choir would sing for Howard's anniversary at Cramton Auditorium to which they readily agreed. By the end of that year, circumstances led to the director asking if she would be willing to serve as the musician for the Young People's Ensemble. She agreed and worked their rehearsal schedule into her schedule as she was only a few months from graduation. Lisa graduated from Howard in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and became full-time musician for the Young People's Ensemble, now called the Voices of Canaan.

After marrying her husband, Danny, in 1984, and the birth of their son, Danny, II, in February 1985, Lisa joined her husband's church, The Way of the Cross Church of Christ, under the leadership of Bishop Alphonzo Brooks. However, she frequently returned to Canaan to play for outgoing engagements and to participate in church and choir events. After the death of her beloved husband Danny in 1998, Lisa and her son, Danny, II, served in the music ministry of Grace United Methodist Church until 2008. An unexpected conversation with the president of the M. Cecil Mills Ensemble sent Lisa back to Canaan, learning they were without a musician. Lisa said when family needs help, family helps! She reestablished her membership in November 2009, under the leadership of the newly elected pastor, Dr. Larry Owens, Jr.

## **SPRING**

## **CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

Across 3. round or pretty bird 7. America's favorite past time 9. easter choclate 10. First spring flower 12. dutch bulbs 13. WW. marshmallow treats at easter 15. cherry tree	1     2       3     5       7     8       9     11       10     11       12     13       14
1. kermit the  2. little yellow furry animals 4. the opposite of fall 5	6. Spring Holiday 8. color them at easter 11. you plant them in the garden 14. warms our day

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During those years, Lisa also earned two Master's Degrees in Theological Studies. In 2007, she graduated with a Master's in Theology

from the Word of Faith Graduate School and Seminary; and, in 2014 she graduated from National Bible College and Seminary with a Masters in Theological Studies, having taken all advanced studies classes. She was also blessed to receive The Chancellor's Award

and the Tommy Combs Scholarship for Academic Excellence. She was accepted into the Clinical Pastoral Education Program at Georgetown University Hospital where she continues to serve as a PRN Chaplain. Also, she continues to earn continuing education credits through the Theology, Medicine, and Culture Initiative through Duke University Divinity School.

Currently at Canaan, she serves as the musical director for the Voices of Canaan and was permitted to reestablish the Children's Choir in June 2023. Other choirs she has been affiliated with "recently" are: Auxiliary musician for the Jubilee Majestic Concert Choir; The Gospel Stars and Choraleers of Park Road Community Church, the Male Chorus of John Wesley AME Zion Church. She is a proud alumnus of Patrick Lundy and the Ministers of Music, and the renowned Howard University Gospel Choir. Past musical affiliations include, Min. Brian Spriggs and NuWorship, The Jezreelites of Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church, and the Pastor's Choir, Youth for Christ Choir, and Way of the Cross Chorus all of Way of the Cross Church of Christ.

Finally, Lisa is the proud Mom of Danny and beautiful daughter in law, Michale, and foster son, Dion; and is the blessed "Grammy" of Treasure, Sydney, Tori, Dru, and MariElla.



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