

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.
-- Philippians 4:8

Art and Worship

Because of its creative nature, art is truly a reflection of God's creative spirit. Through the creation and the perception of beauty, we praise and celebrate the creative power of God. Art is, in this respect, an aspect of worship.

Moment by Moment



Drawings by Doris Brinkman

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“In the drawings I hope to express the response of the individuals in scripture at the moment Christ reveals to them who he is. There among them we may find ourselves.”

Doris J. Brinkman

Ms. Brinkman’s works invite us to prayerfully engage in a spiritual journey through the life, teachings, and Passion of our Lord Jesus, joining our own experience of Christ to those of the people who actually saw him. You are invited to use this guide to enter into the drawings in meditation as you move through the exhibit.

We suggest that you view the pictures in order, pausing at each one to read the scripture and comment the artist has provided. Take a moment to allow the scripture and the drawing to speak to you. Consider how they reflect – or are reflected in – your own life and experience of Christ. When and how was Christ first revealed to you? What is your response to that revelation?

1. Moment by Moment

The cycle of life unfolds moment by moment, dissolving into eternity.

Note the details of the drawing, including the embedded time markers.



About the Artist

Doris Jean Brinkman was a well-known Indiana artist. She held the Master of Art Education degree from Herron School of Art and taught for over 25 years in the Indianapolis Public Schools and at Broad Ripple High School. Her work appeared in numerous exhibits locally, regionally, and nationally, and its excellence was recognized in the many awards her paintings, drawings, and prints received. Ms. Brinkman was born in 1926 and passed into eternal life on April 25, 2010.

Late in her life, Ms. Brinkman wrote, “I work with a variety of media and subject matter, utilizing the one which enables me to express an idea most effectively. The majesty of nature often provides inspiration. Most recently my work has focused on the human face revealing the spiritual quest of the individual. While the medium and subject may vary, the theme remains consistent. The major part of my work stems from my belief in the presence of God in the journey of the human spirit.”

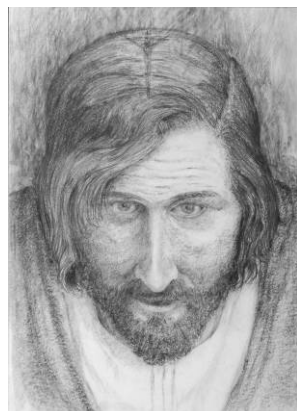
The drawings in this exhibit previously appeared at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Carmel and at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio.

Ms. Brinkman very kindly donated these works of art to Second Presbyterian Church, where they are displayed together each Lent. These drawings form a unique setting and inspiration for meditation on the teachings and passion of our Lord Jesus.

10. My Lord and My God

Thomas, remembering the crucifixion, is now able to proclaim his belief and commitment to Christ.

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."
John 20:27-29



11. Now I See

Christ opened the eyes of the man born blind to a new life and faith.

He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." . . . Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.
John 9:25, 37-38



12. Golgotha

The hill of the skull is composed of the figure-like rock forms symbolizing the humanity for whom Christ died.

Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).
Mark 15:22



2. Simeon's Praise

Simeon's eyes reflect the joy in his vision of what is to come assured in this helpless infant.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."
Luke 2:25-32



3. Witness

One of the crowd who witnessed the coming of the Spirit at John's baptism of Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."
Mark 1:9-11



4. The Samaritan Woman

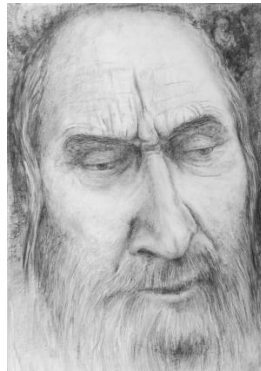
The Samaritan woman, an outcast, brings suspicion and hostility to her moment with Christ.



A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."
John 4:7-10

5. How Can This Be?

The teachings of Jesus caused Nicodemus to question all that he had believed before.

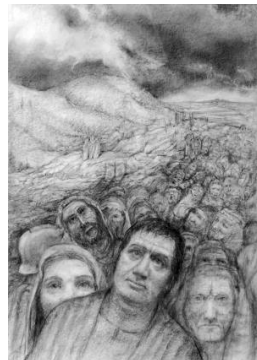


Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"
John 3:4-9

6. We Are They

The scene at the crucifixion is focused on the crowd. They crucified him. He forgave them. We are they.

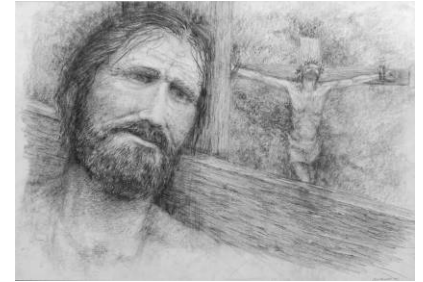
Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!"
Matthew 27:22



7. Remember Me

At the crucifixion, the first thief looked to a Christ of hope.

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
Luke 23:42



8. Save Yourself

At the crucifixion, the second thief saw only death and defeat.

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"
Luke 23:39



9. Rabboni

Mary Magdalene turned from the death of the tomb toward Jesus and life.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).
John 20:11-16

