

# Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday, July 30, 2023

10:00 am



**Prelude**

MaryRose Clark

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Erica Munoz

**\* Call to Worship**

Leader: When life feels dark...

**People: Shine Jesus' light!**

Leader: When people don't get along...

**People: Shine Jesus' light!**

Leader: When good things happen...

**People: Shine Jesus' light!**

Leader: When people are sad...

**People: Shine Jesus' light!**

Leader: When people need help...

**People: Shine Jesus' light!**

**\* Praise Songs**

*"Shine His Light"*

*"Turn Your Eyes"*

**\* Passing the Peace**

**I Love My Church Moment**

Basil Iacampo

**Children's Time**

**Scripture Reading**

*Acts 8:26-39*

Mikayla Barrier

**Message**

*"Shine Jesus' Light!"*

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Offering Of Our Gifts**

Offertory Anthem

*"God of the Stars"*

Prayer of Dedication

**Holy Spirit, you search the recesses of our minds and the depths of our hearts. You call us to be not only givers but also receivers of your gift of grace. We believe that you will multiply our gifts to draw us nearer to your side. As we offer these financial gifts, we are grateful to be joined to the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**\* Praise Song**

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**



\*Please stand if you are able

Join us next weekend for our services based on the scripture reading – Luke 6:47-49 and Ephesians 2:13-22. . A special offering will be taken to support the I Love My Church ministries of Trinity UMC.

August 5<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm – Saturday Night Worship - Holy Communion  
August 6<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – Sanctuary Worship - Holy Communion

### **Prayer Concerns**

TJ Klein, Essie, Connie Brodine, Matthew Lott, Candice, Haley, Steve Yosh, Jerry Whitney, Brittany Grosinski, Sue Bernard, Nancy Scarano, Chet, Grace, Stewart, Dorothy, Claire, Joan Caldwell, Leslie, Ted Ziegert, Marie Savokinas, Danny Buongiorno, Tom & Ginny Thorp, Terry & Donald Perrine, Gary Valentine, Maureen Boer, Anthony Pami, Meghan MacDonald, Matthew McKinnon, Abigail Brown, Linda Blazier, Bradley, Meghan W., Clark Tesh, Danny

### **Scripture Reading**

#### **Acts 8:26-39 (NRSVue)**

<sup>26</sup> Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup> He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing.

#### **Pastoral Team**

Rev. Erica Munoz – Lead Pastor

Rev. Dr. Deb De Vos – Associate Pastor

Rev. Donald Gebhard – Pastor of Outreach & Worship

Ginny Thorp – Congregational Care Lay Minister

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# Announcements

## Worship Attendance

July 15/16	In Person	Facebook Peak Views	Phone
5:00	44		
10:00	189	46	0

Please note that online numbers represent devices.

### -Summer Office Hours

- Monday – Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm
- Friday – Office Closed

**-Family Dinner & A Movie – Space Buddies** – Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Starr Hall. “Concessions” to include popcorn, hot dogs, pretzels and drinks will open at 6:00pm. (Free will donations will go towards Trinity’s Youth Ministry.) The movie will begin at 7:00pm. Don’t forget your chair!

**-Youth Ministry (Grades 7-12) August Wednesday Activities-** To RSVP or for more information contact Rachel Savokinas at 973-713-2831 or [rsavokinas@catchthespirit.org](mailto:rsavokinas@catchthespirit.org).

August 9 6:00 - 8:00pm **Pool & Pizza at Pastor Erica’s-** Need we say more? Don’t forget your towel! You must RSVP to Rachel to be added to the visitor’s list.

August 16 9:30am – 2:00pm **Planetarium!** – At Raritan Valley Community College. Meet up in Trinity’s Parking Lot (Drivers needed). We will return at approximately 2:00pm. Cost \$10 (Bring bagged lunch & extra cash for the gift shop)

August 23 6:00 - 8:00pm **Mini Golf** - Drop off and pick up at Farmview Golf Center. Cost: \$8

**-Summer Lunch Backpacks-** The United Women in Faith would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Summer Backpack Food Project. We have 60 children registered to receive food on a weekly basis. While we are still accepting all food donations, our most immediate needs for the next 2 weeks are:

- Bread (wheat or white)
- Mac & Cheese
- Juice Boxes
- Canned Dinners
- Sleeves of Applesauce or Fruit Cups

**-IGNITE 2023** – All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend the IGNITE Conference – BELONG September 29 through October 1 in Wildwood, NJ. The faith-filled weekend offers motivational speakers, uplifting music, inspiring and soul-filling worship, and time to get to know other Christians from all across New Jersey!

For more information and to register use the go use-



### This Week at Trinity July 31 – August 6

<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 pm	Blue Room	Nominating MT
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	Room 104	Pastor Parish Relations
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Rotunda	Men’s Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	7:00 pm	Starr Hall	Pickleball

## Just Say Yes - Opportunities To Serve

1. **Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed** – Several volunteers have had to step away for a time and we are in need some new volunteers. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday – Saturday 10:00am – 3:00pm. Here are the specific times that need the most help:

Yes, I would like to help in the Top Shop on Tuesday mornings at the front counter.  
 Yes, I would like to help in the Top Shop on Friday afternoons in the pricing room.  
 Yes, I would like to help in the Top Shop on Saturday mornings in the pricing room.  
 Yes, I would like to help in the Top Shop on Saturday afternoons at the front counter.

2. **Thrift Shop Donation Center Volunteers Needed** – Help is needed sorting donations in the barn. Can you give a couple hours between 9:00am – 2:00 pm? Here are the days when help is most needed:

Yes, I would like to help sort in the barn on Wednesdays.  
 Yes, I would like to help sort in the barn on Fridays.  
 Yes, I would like to help sort in the barn on Saturdays.

3. **KidVenture Volunteers** – Are you willing to serve in KidVenture (PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) for the upcoming year? There are several ways help is needed.

Yes, I would like to be an extra adult in the classroom on Sunday mornings 9:15 – 10:15 some Sundays.  
 Yes, I would like to assist in Headquarters on Sunday mornings.  
 Yes, I would like to help behind the scenes with jobs such as organizing supplies as needed/writing cards.

4. **Caravan of Hope Notes** – The Caravan of Hope team is looking for people to write notes to be placed in the boxed lunches. We have 3975 already completed and are looking for 1025 more. Many hands will make this light work. We can supply the note paper, and a couple of ideas of what to write. You can return them to the office.

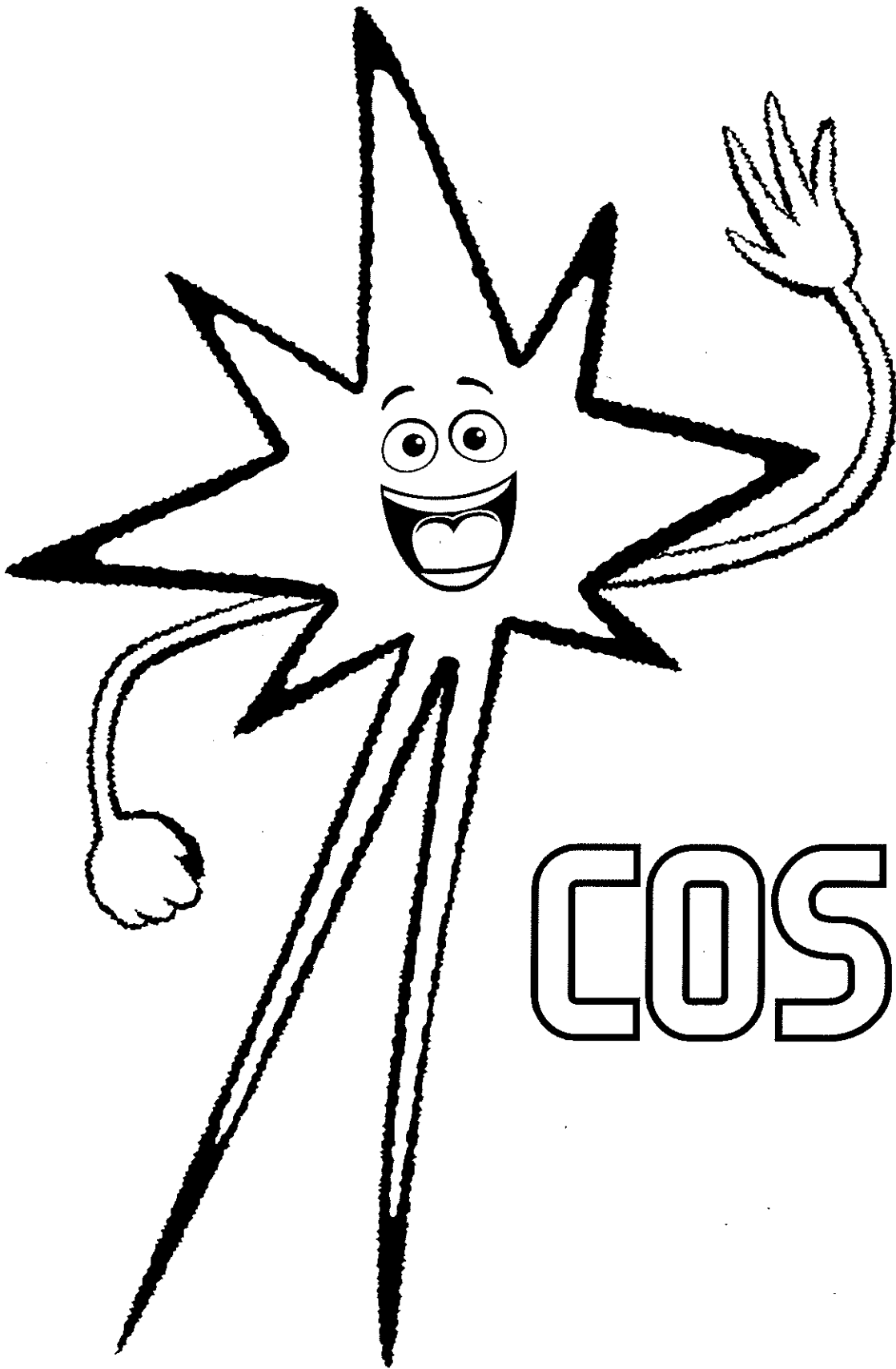
Yes, I would like to write notes to be added to the boxed lunches.

5. **Altar Flowers** – If you would like to donate flowers for the altar for Sunday worship, please contact Donna Torkos at 908-684-8284 or [donnatorkos1@gmail.com](mailto:donnatorkos1@gmail.com) We are looking for flowers for August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Yes, I would like to donate flowers for the altar on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

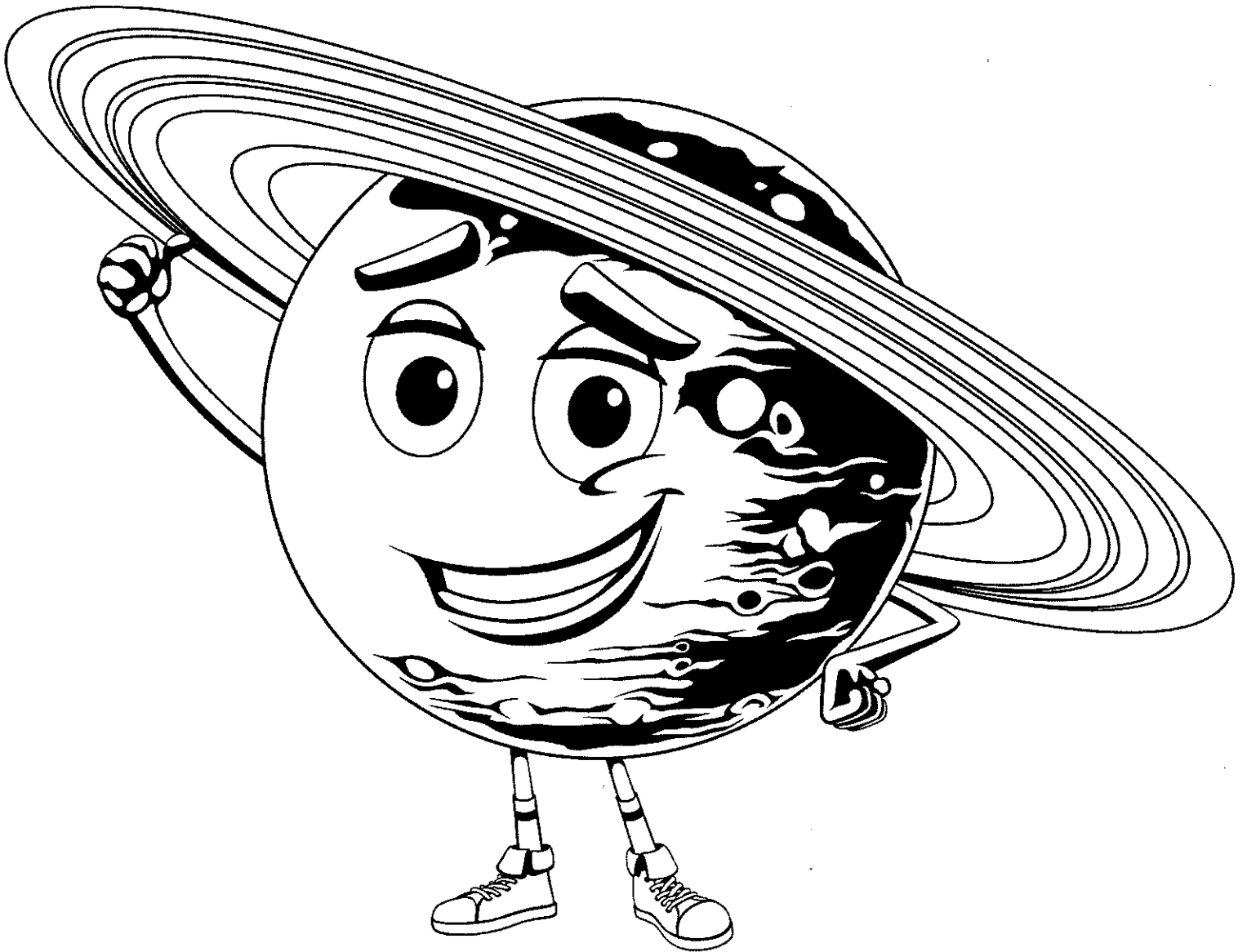


**COSMO**

**When life feels dark, shine Jesus' light!**

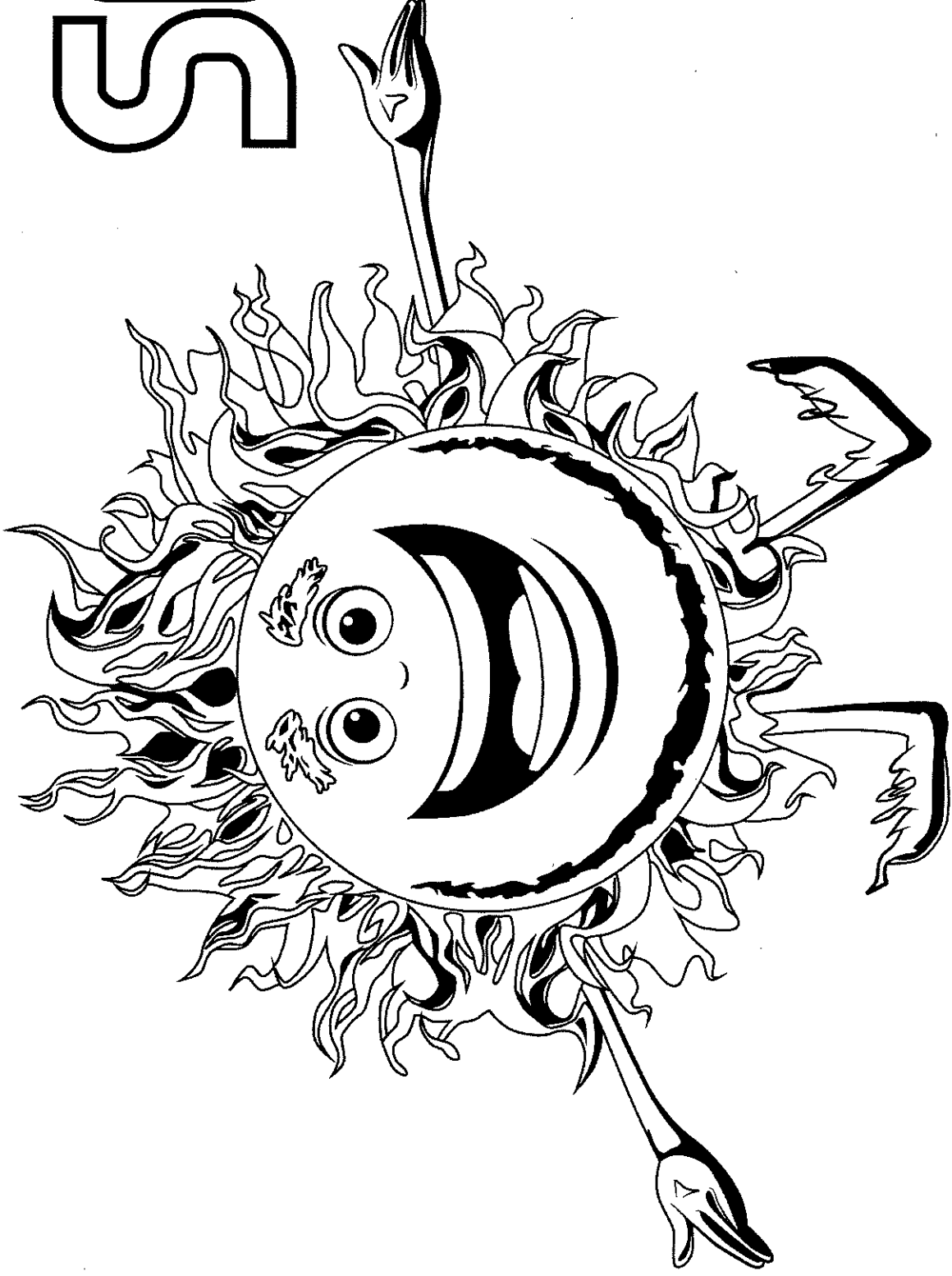
**"Jesus...said, 'I am the light of the world.'"(John 8:12)**

# RINGO



**When people don't get along, shine Jesus' light!  
"Live in harmony with each other." (Romans 12:6)**

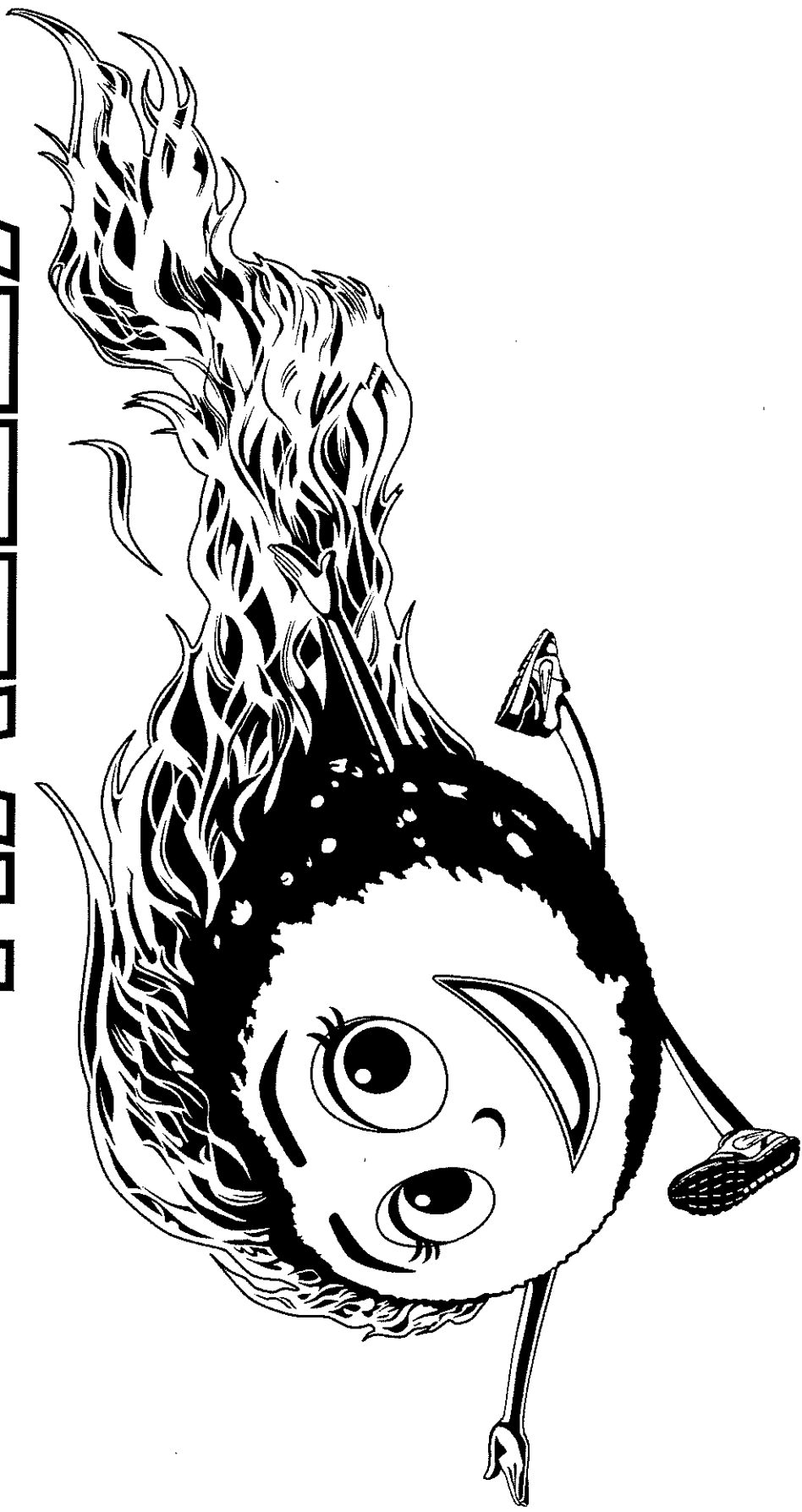
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**When people are sad, shine Jesus' light!**

**"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God." (John 14:1)**

# HALLEY

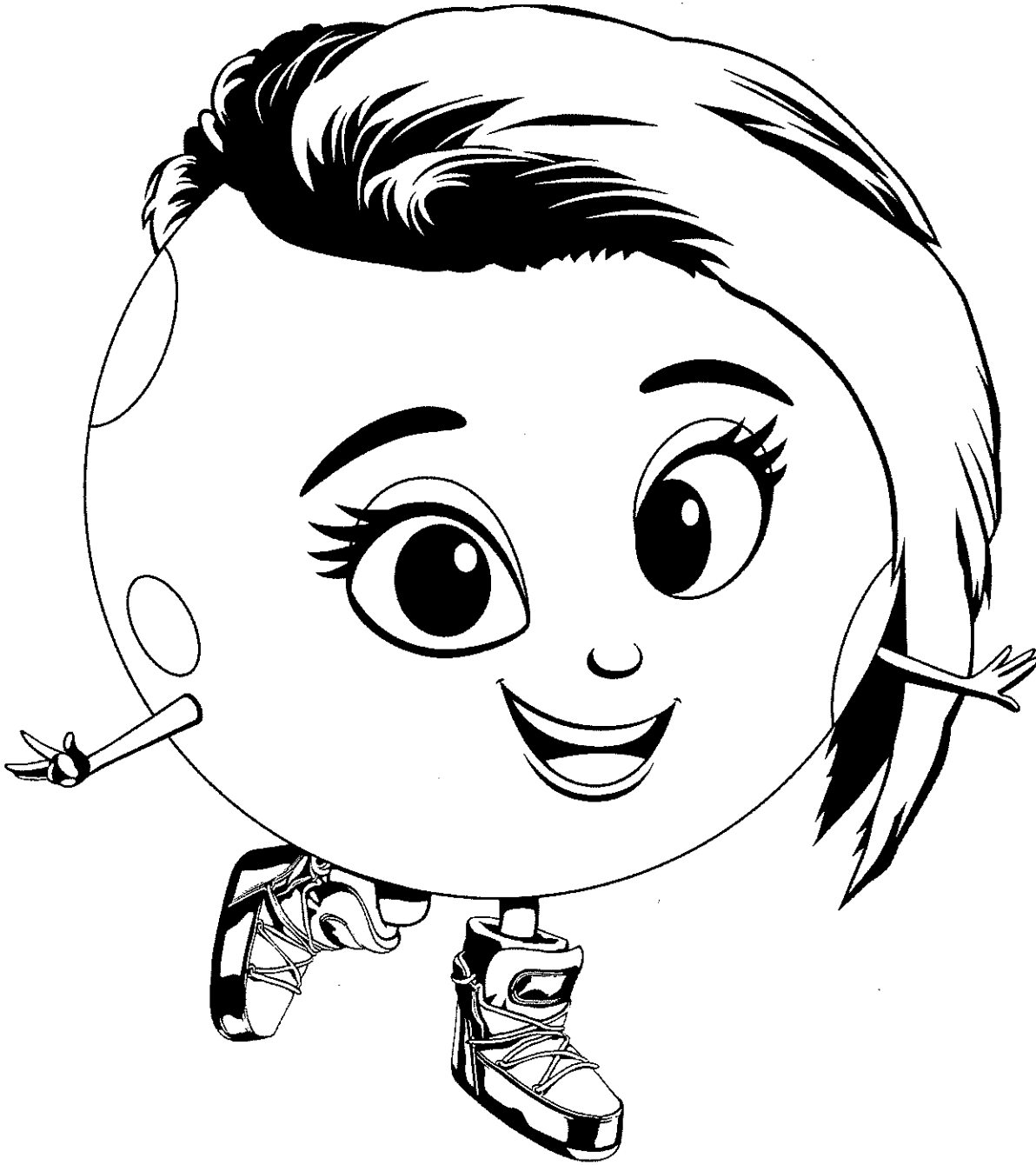


**When people need help, shine Jesus' light!**

**"Let your good deeds shine...so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." (Matthew 5:16)**



# LUNA



**When good things happen, shine Jesus' light!**

**"Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!" (Psalm 100)**

# ASTRO

