

## Alpha and Omega

One of the new banners represents Alpha and Omega. They are the first and last letters of the classical Greek alphabet. In scripture we read...  
*“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” Revelation 1:8*

This reminds us of God’s everlasting presence. We can be assured of God’s faithfulness by remembering what God has done in the past, pay attention to what God is doing now, and be trusting that God will be there in our uncertain future. This truth is comforting and grounding. But it takes our faith to continue to believe it when times get rough.



## Ichthus

The second banner is another classic Christian symbol “ichthus.” It is an acronym in Greek that means “Jesus anointed of God , Son & Savior.”

There was great persecution by the Roman government who proclaimed Caesar as a god. So Christians proclaiming the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the God of the risen Christ was a crime. This symbol was used by Christians as a secret sign to identify as a Christian.

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# Ordinary Time Banners

## Alpha & Omega And Ichthus



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## Ordinary Time

The church year has liturgical seasons. We are familiar with Advent and possibly Lent. But did you know there is “Ordinary Time”? It’s important that the church includes ordinary time, because that’s where we live most of our lives! Our lives feel pretty ordinary. Nothing special. And yet God is still there during our ordinary times.

And of the church year, Ordinary Time is the longest. It starts in January and goes until Lent begins. And then it starts again after Pentecost and goes all the way until Advent. Those are long months and days!

The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green. In the banners our team created, we wanted to represent the green, but also the different expressions of our ordinary lives. So we chose stained glass looking fabric.

What we know is that even though life can be grueling mixed with celebrations, God is with us even when we feel oppressed. And we can look to our history to see that God has always been with us.

*Kim La Rue*



“Auditioning” the fabric in the sanctuary in the sanctuary.



Lots of tasks put the banners together over many months.

