

SIGN POSTS ON THE WAY

Symbols create an atmosphere of worship and provide food for thought even before the worship service begins. They are expressions of faith.

Vine - Jesus spoke again and again in figurative language. He referred to Himself as the "Good Shepherd," "the Door," "the Light of the World," "the True Vine." Looking up at the capitals of the columns



in our sanctuary you will find that a **grape** motif covers each one. "I am the vine, you are the branches, bear much fruit." (John 15:5)

Acorn - The acorn pinnacles at the end of each pew reminds us of the small beginning of the oak tree which denotes strength, durability, and steadfastness (Amos 2:9). In religious imagery, the eight lobed leaves of the oak suggest regeneration.



Quatrefoil - Both inside and outside the church, we see the **quatrefoil** motif---a leaf of four lobes, representing the four Evangelists or the four Gospels: Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. They are also, more significantly, reminders of the Cross.



Trefoil - There are a number of **trefoil** designs incorporated throughout the sanctuary, representing the Trinity of God---the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The quatrefoil and trefoil are repeated as a recurrent and unifying decoration.



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