

We are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

2 Corinthians 5:20

#### **Welcome Guests**

We are delighted that you are here to worship the Lord with us this morning!

Nursery is provided for little ones 0-3.

**Children's Bible Time** is provided for children ages 3-6 in classroom 7 during the sermon.

+ Please stand, if able

## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

COME LET US WORSHIP OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Genesis 24:27, Luke 1:46-49,54-55 ESV

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward him. My soul glorifies You O Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for You have been mindful of the humble state of Your servant.

# From now on all generations will call me blessed,

For You, the Mighty One have done great things for me— holy is Your name. You have helped Your servant Israel

remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as You promised our ancestors.

+HYMN THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

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+Prayer of Praise

+Hymn 10,000 reasons

Songbook

RESPONSIVE READING

Hebrews 11:8-10,13-16 ESV

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.

For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.

But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

+HYMN ONLY A HOLY GOD Songbook

RESPONSIVE READING

Acts 17:24-31 ESV

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,

# that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him.

Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring." Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

# PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

+HYMN LIVING HOPE Handout

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, You are the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the faithful one to all your people, the God who numbers our days and calls us to walk before You in faith. We confess that our days are fleeting and our works are but dust without Your blessing. Still, Lord, we are slow to trust Your promises, quick to cling to the things of this world, and prone to seek our own legacy rather than Your glory. We forget that all we have, life, years, and breath—is from You alone. Forgive us for our pride, our self-reliance, and our neglect of Your covenant mercy...

Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Teach us to number our days that we may present to You a heart of wisdom. Fix our eyes on the one who was before Abraham and made him glad, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has conquered death and secured an eternal inheritance for all who believe. In His name we pray. Amen.

### Words of Assurance

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our father from the days of old.

Micah 7:18-20 ESV

**O**FFERTORY

# HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

SERMON TEXT

Genesis 25:1-18 ESV

25 Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah. <sup>2</sup>She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. <sup>3</sup>Jokshan fathered Sheba and Dedan. The sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. <sup>4</sup>The sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. <sup>5</sup>Abraham gave all he had to Isaac. <sup>6</sup>But to the sons of his concubines Abraham gave gifts, and while he was still living he sent them away from his son Isaac, eastward to the east country.

<sup>7</sup>These are the days of the years of Abraham's life, 175 years. <sup>8</sup>Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. <sup>9</sup>Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre, <sup>10</sup>the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with Sarah his wife. <sup>11</sup>After the death of Abraham, God blessed Isaac his son. And Isaac settled at Beer-lahai-roi.

<sup>12</sup>These are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's servant, bore to Abraham. <sup>13</sup>These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, named in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael; and Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, <sup>14</sup>Mishma, Dumah, Massa, <sup>15</sup>Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.

<sup>16</sup>These are the sons of Ishmael and these are their names, by their villages and by their encampments, twelve princes according to their tribes. <sup>17</sup>(These are the years of the life of Ishmael: 137 years. He breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.) <sup>18</sup>They settled from Havilah to Shur,

which is opposite Egypt in the direction of Assyria. He settled over against all his kinsmen.

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A Gospel Legacy

RESPONDING TO THE FATHER'S LOVE

+HYMN BE THOU MY VISION #642

BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**