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OPENING MUSIC "Adagio from Oboe Concerto" J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Shall We Gather at the River?" Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Troubled prophets and struggling families are listening for our voices, whoever we are, yearning for words of comfort.

There is no one like you, God of the listening heart.

Those who live in fear are looking for signs, signs of hope and the promises of God.

There is no one like you, God of steadfast love.

Seekers of power, as well as those who serve the vulnerable, you challenge us to use our gifts for others. Let the people say together:

There is no one like you, God of all people.

HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise"

The God of Abr'ham praise, Who reigns enthroned above,

The Ancient of eternal days, And God of love.

Jehovah, great I AM, By earth and heav'n confessed:

We bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.

The God who reigns on high, The great archangels sing,

And "Holy, holy, holy," cry "Almighty King!"

Who was and is the same, and evermore shall be

Eternal Father, great I AM, We worship Thee.

The whole triumphant host, Give thanks to God on high;

"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.

Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! With heav'n our songs we raise:

All might and majesty are Thine and endless praise.

FIRST READING Genesis 22:1-8 (New Revised Standard Version)

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac,

whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

SHARING AND PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSIC "A Vessel in Your Hands" Shackley

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

OFFERTORY "I Surrender All" Weeden

These days, it can certainly feel as if we are being asked to make tremendous sacrifices; wearing masks, staying six feet apart—forgoing hugs! Love requires sacrifice. The little things we do become big things *together*. Together, we again commit our lives and our resources to finding new, innovative ways to continue to walk with Jesus, even during this season of pandemic. We appreciate your commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able. Thank you.

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You may also save a stamp and drop your envelope in the church mailbox at any time.

DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

SECOND READING Genesis 22:9-14 (New Revised Standard Version)

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

REFLECTION

God's One and Only

HYMN

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shalt choose,
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

BENEDICTION

Now may the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Know that wherever you are, God is with you.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Arr. Raney

The steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Anniversary on June 28th to Rob and Sandra Wentz!

Happy Birthday to Josh Sauter on June 30th!

With love, Grammy

**We welcome and thank our special guest, Carol Konet,
for contributing to our worship today!**

SERVING

TODAY – JUNE 28

Irene Joyce
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall
Carol Konet

Liturgist
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music
Sound
Video
Guest Musician

NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 5

Irene Joyce
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall

Happy Birthday today to Cheryl Sobek and Ian Rolland!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 3,473.27

Last week's Offering Received \$ 6,741.00

Difference +\$ 3,267.73



Thank you very much for your support of our mission and ministry.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Janet Kato, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Joan Beckwith, Lloyd Bridle, Judy Carte, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Joe Craig, Robert Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Lori Kovatich, Karl and Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie Trinckes, Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Ron, Yvonne, & Ronnie Adams (friends of Judi Pavisich), Dorene Baldridge, Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Dana Hardy (wife of Craig), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Donna McDonald (friend of the Ritchies), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Linda McNabb (sister-in-law of Ginger Rothel), Mae O'Shea (mom of Sandy O'Shea), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Terry Robson (friend of the Camps), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Sherry Sheeks (sister of Mark Camp), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain.



Caravaggio's painting of Abraham and Isaac

