

June 11, 2023

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Pam Colbrunn

Greeting/Life of the Church

**Call to Worship

Liturgist: Come into God's presence.

People: We have come to worship.

Liturgist: Come, saints and sinners alike.

People: We are all God's children.

Liturgist: Faith has brought us here.

People: Grace will make us whole.

Liturgist: Come! Let us worship.

**Opening Hymn "Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above" UMH #96

Opening Prayer (unison)

Faithful and loving God, your grace makes our faith possible. May we live and go about our lives as people who place our trust in you. May we love and care for others as people who turn to you for help. Where there is doubt or distrust, renew our faith. Where there is fear or insecurity, grant us courage. Where there is fatigue and weariness, give us amazing strength. Where there is confusion of purpose, give us wisdom. Where there is sorrow and loss, bring us peace. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Lead Me, Lord" UMH #473

Prayers of the Faithful & the 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering/Offertory

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**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

God of Abraham and Sarah, you bless our lives, that we might be a blessing to others. May the offering we bring before you this day be a sign of our commitment to bless the world in your name. We send forth these gifts, that they may be instruments of your circle of grace and faith. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music

Erika Stone, piano solo

"I Offer My Life"

Clair Cloninger & Don Moen

Sermon

"Journey of Faith"

Pastor Jeff Bandy

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: God who loves us and calls us, we confess that we are not always open to receiving your call on our lives. We make excuses. We choose not to listen. We believe that others would do it better than we can.

All: Forgive us for all the times we say no – or nothing at all – to your call.

Pastor: We confess that we value the false certainty of our own path over the uncertainty of journeying with you and one another on the path of discipleship.

All: Forgive us for all the ways we choose what we think we know over joining you in the holy unknown.

Pastor: We confess that we value the calls of some over others, putting the paths of some up on pedestals while not recognizing the many who answer your call as quiet, behind-the-scenes disciples.

All: Forgive us for neglecting the beautiful and varied calls you place on each of our lives.

Pastor: Forgive us, God, and free us to joyfully bear the weight of your call on our lives as members together of the Body of Christ, redeemed and united by your love.

All: Amen.

**Closing Hymn

"My Hope Is Built"

UMH #368

**Sending Forth

Postlude

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Scripture Reading – Genesis 12:1-9 (NIV)

The Call of Abram

12 The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

2 "I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. **5** He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. **7** The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

8 From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. **9** Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

June 11, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers

Bob Whipp, Edward Stidham,
Doug Wickline, Brant Wickline

Greeter

Pam Whipp

Liturgist

Julie Wickline

Guest Pianist

Pam Colbrunn



	Pastor Jeff will be on	Vacation	June 12-18
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Tuesday 13	Bible Study Magic Volleyball Practice	10:00 am 5:30 pm	Parlor FCC
Wednesday 14			
Thursday 15	Magic Volleyball Practice Prayer Shawl	10:00 am 11:00 am	FCC Parlor
Friday 16	Women United Magic Volleyball Practice	9:00 am 5:30 pm	Kitchen, Sanctuary FCC
Saturday 17	Private Event	11:00 am	FCC
Sunday 18	Sunday School Worship Service	9:15 am 10:30 am	16A, FH 15C Sanctuary



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