

ONLINE WORSHIP – June 14, 2020

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK – Psalm 16:1-2

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

WELCOME/CHECKING IN

Where do you... see God? Need God? Feel Joy? Feel Gratitude?

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Raise your voices in response to God's goodness.

P: We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.

L: Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God's mercy.

P: We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.

L: God is good; Praise be to God!

A: The love and mercy of God never fails. AMEN

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GATHERING UNISON PRAYER

Lord, this day we will hear of the miracles that have inspired people to be your disciples. We will hear of Sarah, who in her old age, conceived a son; we will hear of the disciples who are given the mandate to heal, to raise the dead, to proclaim the kingdom and the good news of God's redeeming love. We stand in that long line of those who are called. We are ready to work for you that this broken world may be healed.

AMEN. Ministry Matters

KINGDOM TIME

HYMN – "Step by Step" Worship and Song #3004

SPECIAL MUSIC – "Imagine" by John Lennon Music performed by Phyllis Kruell, flute by Kaylee Randa

Genesis 18:1-15

18 The LORD appeared to Abraham^[a] by the oaks^[b] of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures^[c] of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837)

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

² Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

¹² What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE – “Laughter”

**INVITATION TO GIVE TO THE LIVING CHRIST,
OURSELVES, OUR LOVE AND OUR GIFTS**

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings:

Mail your offering to: Northwood UMC, P.O. Box 295, Esko, MN 55733

DOXOLOGY – “Give Thanks” FWS #2036

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – UMH #887

L: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

A: **No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loves us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! AMEN.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN – “Standing on the Promises” UMH #374 vs. 1,4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION/DISMISSAL

SENDING FORTH HYMN

“The Trees of the Field” FWS #2279

FELLOWSHIP TIME ZOOM MEETING

Time: After Sunday worship (around 9:40 am)

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