

ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

Assisted listening devices are available in the sound booth.

PRELUDE

Christ Has Called Us to New Visions

Music by Wilbur Held

† CALL TO WORSHIP

† *indicates the congregation should stand*

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!

P: **The love and mercy of God never fails.**

L: Let us worship our God and the blessings that come from our belief.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CSM RHONDDA

† PRAYER

Heavenly Father, how wonderful to know that Your promises will be fulfilled and that a day is coming when our faith will be turned into sight. Thank You for the example of men and women of faith like Abraham and Sarah and for the knowledge that nothing that You have planned and purposed will be left unfinished. As we worship, inspire our hearts to greater faith in Your plan for our lives. Make us worthy to be Your messengers of faith to the world around us. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

† PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

God makes peace within us; let us claim it. God makes peace between us; let us share it. Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace.

L: The peace of Christ is here among us.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Music by Dan Forrest

Be Thou my vision, O lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son. Thou in my dwelling and I with Thee one. Riches I heed not, nor men's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and Thou only, first in my heart. High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won. May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heavens Sun. Heart of my own heart, whatever befall. Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE WORD

Her name was Sarah, and she walked into the unknown with her husband, Abraham. Then God called. God promised them a baby and as many descendants as there were stars in the sky. Finally, three men walked out of the desert and accepted the hospitality of Abraham and Sarah's tent with a head-turning message. Now, some four-thousand years later, Sarah's lack of faith in what she heard shocks and surprises almost everyone. From her perspective, however, laughter was a natural and reasonable response to the news delivered by a guy who walked out of the desert and said that she was going to have a baby.

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:11-12; Genesis 18:9-15

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Sarah – How Can I Believe in God Despite My Doubts and Unbelief?

Rev. Linda Troy, Guest Pastor

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

OFFERTORY

Blessed Be the God of Israel

Music by Wilbur Held

† DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

† INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

† CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

† PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

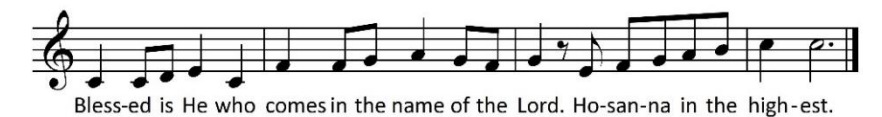
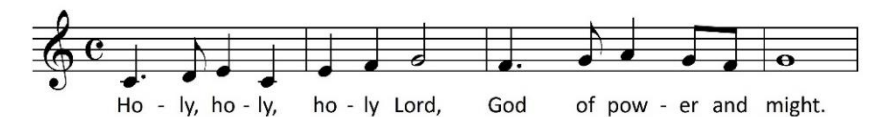
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. ... And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



Congregation is seated

Holy are You and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. ... And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. ...Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery, in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GO FORTH WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 614

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

FOR THE BREAD

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Foundation

Music by Wilbur Held

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IN WORSHIP TODAY

ALTAR FLOWERS

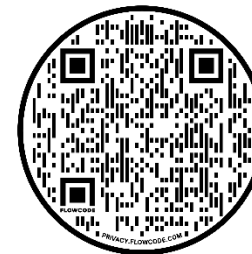
Today's altar flowers are given by Sean and Kristen Woock in honor of Chris and Angie Philpott and in celebration of their wedding anniversaries.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Meshach Kanyion, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Linda Troy, *Guest Pastor*
Luke Yuhas, *Acolyte*
Connie Johnson, *Lay Reader*
Joe Galyon, *Director of Worship and Arts*
Musicians, *Women's Chorale*
Peyton Voline, *Worship Technology Coordinator*
Troy Travis, *Video Mixer*

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