

The Worship of God  
September 8, 2019 · 10:45 am  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**As we aspire to keep Jesus at the center of our lives, we are  
Rooted in Faith, and Growing in Love.**

**GATHERING as God's Children**

Introit **O Help Me, Lord, to Praise Thee** J.S. Bach

Welcome and Invocation Jennifer Rygg

*Please sign the friendship register and pass it down the pew.*

*If you are the last to sign, please date and tear out the sheet and place it in the offering plate.*

Call to Worship **As We Gather** Fay and Coomes  
Chris Cottingham

*The candles on the altar table remind us of the presence of the Holy Spirit.  
As the candles are lit, we welcome the presence of God's Holy Spirit into our worship.  
The Bible is placed on the altar table as we prepare to read and reflect  
on Scripture in our worship together.*

++ Songs of Praise **Called Me Higher** Jordan  
**Trust in You** Daigle, Farren, and Mabury  
Praise Team and Congregation

**RECEIVING the Word of God and RESPONDING to God in Worship and Service**

Prayer for Illumination Steve Hansen

*The prayer below is one that children from our church prayed at Camp Prism this summer.*

Dear God,  
When we read these words, help us to listen carefully,  
not like they are holy just because they are so old,  
but because they are still so filled with important truth from you.  
**Help us to listen, so we can learn. Amen.**

Scripture Reading **Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7** Ginny Smith  
(pp. 12 & 14 in pew Bible)

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

++ Offertory Hymn **No. 31** **Ancient Words** ANCIENT WORDS

Offertory Prayer Lindalee Cleveland

Offertory **Psalm 19** Benedetto Marcello

++Offertory Response **No. 706** **The Doxology** OLD 100TH, alt.

*During the Doxology, children of all ages are invited to gather  
at the front of the sanctuary for the children's sermon.*

Children's Sermon **"Baby Isaac"** Jennifer Rygg  
**Genesis 18, 21**

*After the children's sermon, children ages 4 - 2nd grade  
may be dismissed to Children's Chapel.*

Anthem **Lord, I Need You with** arr. Mauldin  
**I Need Thee Every Hour**  
Sanctuary Choir

Sermon **"Surprise and Laughter on the Journey of Faith"** Jennifer Rygg

++Hymn of Response **No. 625** **Standing on the Promises** PROMISES

*During the hymn of response, those who desire to follow Christ as Savior, to renew their  
relationship with God, to unite with this church, or to seek prayer are invited to come forward.*

**GOING Into the World**

Announcements and Pastoral Benediction Jennifer Rygg

Meditation

*As the candles are extinguished, the flame is carried from the sanctuary, reminding us that as  
we leave this time and space of worship, the presence of the Holy Spirit goes with us.*

++ Benediction Hymn **No. 581** **I Love to Tell the Story (chorus only)** HANKEY

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++ Congregation is invited to stand. Those who prefer may remain seated.  
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**Welcome, Guests!** Thank you for worshiping with us today! Please take a moment to complete the welcome card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

### Worship Notes

The flowers this week are a gift of **Myrna Moore**, in memory of her father, **Louis Talley**.

**Children and Worship:** Children of all ages are welcome to join us for worship.

**Nursery** care is available in room 102 for children ages 4 and younger.

**Children's Bulletins** are available at the sanctuary entrances.

**Worship Bags** are available in front of the first pew on each side of the sanctuary.

Please take a bag at the beginning of the service and return it to the hook at the end of the service.

**Children's Sermon** takes place after the Doxology. Children of all ages are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary. Following the children's sermon, children ages 4 - 2nd grade may be dismissed to children's chapel.

**Children's Chapel** meets in room 215. Children return to the sanctuary during the hymn of response.

### Fall Worship Theme: Tell Me a Story...

Today we continue our narrative journey through Old Testament Scripture, hearing the stories of our faith and discovering how they fit together to tell a larger story, one in which we are invited to play a part.

**September 8: Isaac Born to Sarah - Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7**

September 15: Jacob Wrestles God - Genesis 32:9-13, 22-30

September 22: State & Local Missions Day (see announcement insert for details)

September 29: Hear O Israel - Deuteronomy 5:1-21, 6:4-9

**Devotional Materials:** New issues of **Reflections**, **Prayers of the People**, and **Open Windows** are now available on the literature rack outside the church office. All three publications are dated to begin the week of Sep 1. Note that the **Reflections** devotionals will use the same Scripture passages and themes as our fall worship theme (see above for more details.)

*every member a minister*

#### CHURCH STAFF

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of promise, Sarah laughed when she was told of your plans for her and her family. Yet you remained faithful to your promise, and gave Abraham and Sarah a son, Isaac. Help us to trust in your promises for our lives, and to live according to your will. Amen.**

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