

God's Promise to Abraham

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20th 2020
Sunday Worship at 10:30am



Call to Worship

One: The Lord God is our God.
All: And so, we are not afraid.
One: The Lord is our shield,
All: Protecting and watching over us.
One: When we put our trust in God,
All: Great is our reward

Gathering Song – Here I Am to Worship & Today is the Day

Here I Am To Worship

Words and Music by
Tim Hughes

VERSE

♩ = 75

E B^{sus} F^{#m} E B^{sus}



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me -
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -

4 A²(no3) E B^{sus} F^{#m} E B^{sus}



— see. — Beau - ty that made this — heart a - dore — You, hope of a life spent with —
— bove. — Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came

CHORUS

8 A²(no3) B^{7sus} E B/D[#]



— You. — So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
— poor. —

12 E/G[#] A E



say that You're my God. — And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er

15 B/D[#] E/G[#] Last time to Coda 1. A A²(no3)



wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me. —

BRIDGE

19 2. A B/D[#] E/G[#] A



— And I'll nev - - er know — how much — it cost — to see —

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Here I Am To Worship - 2

22 B/D# E/G# 1. A

_____ my sin _____ up - on _____ that cross. _____ And I'll nev -

24 2. A B⁷sus D.S. al Coda

_____ that cross. _____ So, here I am to

26 ⊕ Coda A A²(no3) E

Today Is The Day

Words and Music by
Lincoln Brewster and Paul Baloche

$\text{♩} = 120$ **INTRO**

$B\flat$ Gm^7 1. F^{sus} $E\flat^2$ 2. F^{sus} $E\flat^2$

1. I'm cast - ing my cares _
(2. I'm put - ting my fears) _

VERSE

4 $B\flat$ Gm^7 F^{sus} $E\flat^2$ $B\flat$ Gm^9

a - side. _ I'm leav - ing my past _ be - hind. _
a - side. _ I'm leav - ing my doubts _ be - hind. _

7 F^{sus} $E\flat^2$ $B\flat$ Gm^7 F^{sus} $E\flat^2$

I'm set - ting my heart _ and mind _ on _ You, _ Je - sus. _
I'm giv - ing my hopes _ and dreams _ to _ You, _ Je - sus. _

10 Cm^7 $E\flat^2$ $B\flat$ Gm^9

I'm reach - ing my hands _ to Yours, _
I'm reach - ing my hands _ to Yours, _

13 F^{sus} $E\flat^2$ $B\flat$ Gm^9 F^{sus} $E\flat^2(4)$

be - liev - ing there's so _ much more, _ know - ing that all _
be - liev - ing there's so _ much more, _ know - ing that all _

16 $B\flat$ Gm^9 F^{sus} $E\flat^2$ Cm^7

You have _ in store _ for me _ is good, _ it's good. _
You have _ in store _ for me _ is good, _ it's good. _

CHORUS 1 & 2

19 $E\flat^2$ $B\flat$ $B\flat/A$

— To - day is the day — You — have made. — I will re - joice .

22 Gm^7 $E\flat^2$ $B\flat$

— and be glad — in — it. — To - day is the day — You — have made. .

25 $B\flat/A$ Gm^7 $E\flat^2$

— I will re - joice — and be glad — in — it. — And I —

Last time to Coda \oplus

28 Cm $B\flat/D$ $E\flat$

— won't wor - ry a - bout — to - mor - row; I'm trust - ing in what — You say. _

31 F $B\flat$ Gm^7 F^{sus} $E\flat^2$ 1. $B\flat$ Gm^7

— To-day is the day. — To-day is the day. —

35 F^{sus} $E\flat^2$ 2. $B\flat$ Gm^7 F^{sus} $E\flat^2$ F INSTRUMENTAL

2. I'm put - ting my fears —

66 Ψ Coda $B\flat/D$ $E\flat$ F

to - mor - row. I'm giv - ing You my fears and sor - rows. Where

69 Cm $B\flat/D$ $E\flat$

You lead me, I will fol - low; I'm trust - ing in what You say.

72 F $B\flat$ Gm^7 F^{sus} $E\flat^2$ $B\flat$ Gm^7

To-day is the day. To-day is the day.

76 F^{sus} $E\flat^2$ $B\flat$ Gm^7 F^{sus} $E\flat^2$

To - day is the day. To - day is the day.

79 $B\flat$ Gm^7 F^{sus} $E\flat^2$ $B\flat^2$

To - day is the day.

The Story with the Kids

Welcome

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Creator God,

We know that all people are created in your image. Help us to see all people as image bearers of God – ALL PEOPLE including those we've never met before, those we've only seen in passing, and those we would rather not meet because they think, act, worship, love or live in ways we do not understand. May Your love for all people flow through us in all of our interactions. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather together, in person and virtually in the name of God the eternal Creator – Jesus Christ, God's only Son and the Holy Spirit – who is with you always...

And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

Silence for prayer and contemplation.

God of all ages, **You have chosen us as your own, yet we so often live as if it were not so. We succumb to things which are not good for us. We believe we know better than you. We refuse to put our trust in your promises. Sweep away our foolishness and bring us back into a trusting relationship with the one who has lovingly created us and longs to be our strength and life.**

Receive the Good News: Dear people, hear the joyful words that God has forgiven us! Our misdeeds and folly are forgotten; grace and mercy abound. Let us give thanks that we have a compassionate creator!

People: Amen!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, **You long for us to trust that you hold our lives safely in your hands. Reveal the surprises you have for us in your good time, and show us that your mercy never fails us, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues with a reading from Genesis 15:1-6

Narrator: After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision,

Reader 1: Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.

Narrator: But Abram said,

Reader 2: O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?

Narrator: And Abram said,

Reader: You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.

Narrator: But the word of the Lord came to him,

Reader 1: This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.

Narrator: The Lord brought him outside and said,

Reader 1: Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.

Narrator: Then he said to him,

Reader 1: So shall your descendants be.

Narrator: And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

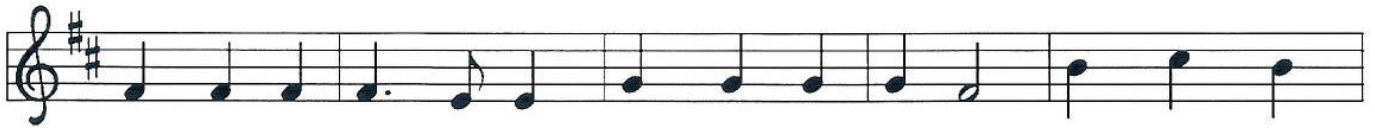
Narrator: Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn – Great is thy Faithfulness

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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Prayers of the People

We gather together our prayers from people near and far,

Reader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

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THE FEAST

Setting the Table

Children will lead us in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

You give us every good thing for food, O Lord, including yourself in the bread and cup which we share in this meal. Feed us on your goodness and mercy, that we might be living compassion to all whom we encounter.

As we gather we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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.

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

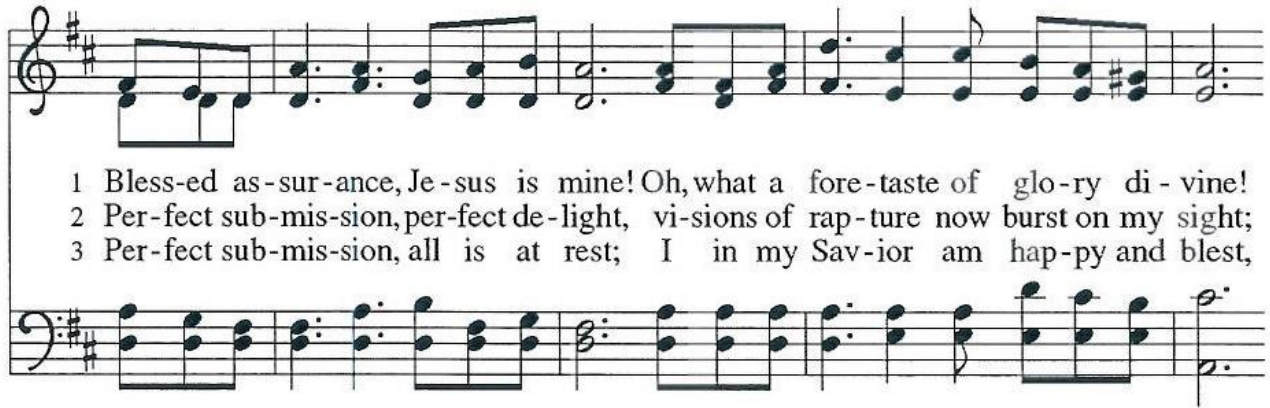
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

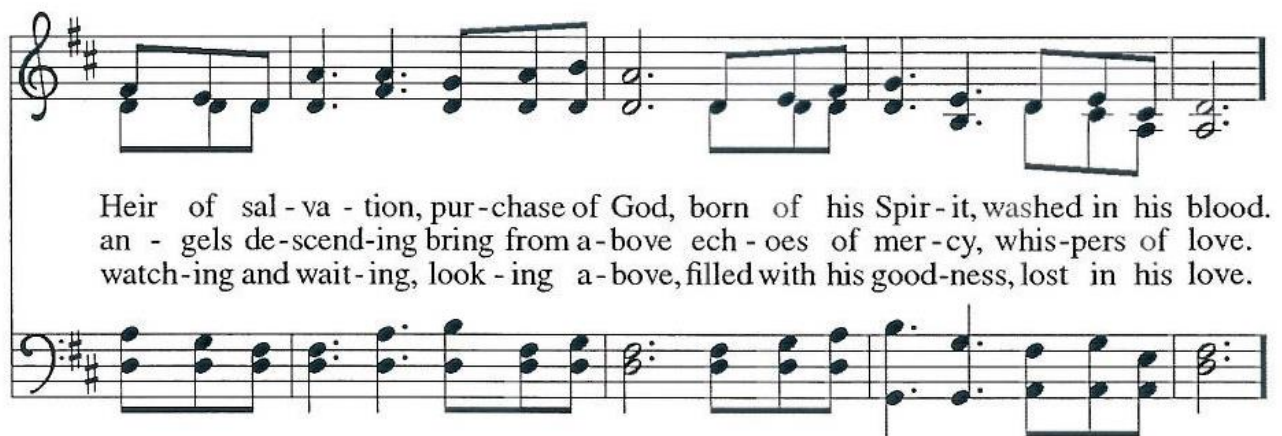
You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

Communion Songs/Hymns – Blessed Assurance

Blessed Assurance




1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,




Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.



Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray,

Gracious God, **in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE SENDING

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings

There are many opportunities to serve God and our neighbor – this is the time to lift those up!

MILESTONES!

Hymn - Just A Closer Walk {Chorus Only}

Final Blessing

May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you peace.

Sending Song – My Life is in You

My Life Is In You

Words and Music by
Daniel Gardner

♩ = 160

CHORUS

C/D G D/G G D/G G D/G Em D/E Em

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in

Last time to Coda ☼

4 D/E Em D/E C D/C C D/C C G/D

You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in

VERSE

8 1, 3. D C/D 2. D C D/C C D/C G/B

You; My You. I will praise You with all of my life,

13 G G/B C D/C C D/C G/B

I will praise You with all of my strength;

17 G G/B D A^{7sus}/E D/F# G E B^{7sus}/F# E/G#

With all of my life, with all of my

21 Am Am/G F Am⁷/E D^{sus} D C/D D.S. al Coda

strength. All of my hope is in You. My

26 Coda D C/D G

ENDING

You, in You.

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 17-20) has a melody in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The second system (measures 21-24) continues the melody and bass line, with a 'D.S. al Coda' instruction at the end. The third system (measures 25-26) is marked 'Coda' and 'ENDING', featuring a final melody and bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the staff, and lyrics are written below the staff.

Go in peace – Jesus is with you! **Thanks be to God**

Music to send you out