

Gathering/Welcome

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

Lighting the Christ Candle

Jaquelynn Brecht

Call to Worship (from Matt. 10:1,7)

Natalie Sprague and Marie Hankinson

One: We are gathered together in response to God's mercy.

Many: Christ gives us his power to heal and be healed,

One: to forgive and be forgiven,

Many: to be free from sin and to set others free,

One: and to tell one another and the world:

Many: God's kingdom is near.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

Celebration Hymnal #581 v. 1, 2, & 4

“'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take him at his word,
Just to rest upon his promise,
Just to know: “Thus saith
the Lord.”

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust his cleansing blood,
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Refrain

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

Refrain

Opening Prayer

Lynne Barnes

Call to Confession

Lynne Barnes

One: The resurrection of Jesus Christ shows that nothing is impossible with God. In silence, let us confess our sin and receive new life. [Silent Confession]

One: Amen

We Are Forgiven! (from 2 Cor. 5:17)

Lynne Barnes

One: Sisters and brothers, hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Scripture Reading

Genesis 18:1-15

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The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 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. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 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.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 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.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” 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. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ 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.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

Reflecting on the Word

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Invitation to Discipleship**Prayers of the People/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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Announcements/Offering

Thank you for supporting the ministry of Jesus Christ at Kirkwood. You may use our portal at <http://www.kirkwoodchurch.org/resources/giving/> for online giving!

We will be worshipping online only through Wednesday, July 1. We are currently planning to begin in-person worship in addition to our online worship on Sunday, July 5.

Kirkwood has supported the Downtown Ecumenical Services Council (DESC) in the past with food, diapers, and monetary gifts. DESC is a Christian organization that provides basic needs for those in emergency situations, including food, clothing, and more. To help our neighbors, you are invited to help by buying a little “extra” non-perishable groceries (canned and boxed) when you buy your own food. We are also collecting diapers and formula. The date for bringing in your donations will be announced soon.

Closing Hymn

Celebration Hymnal #589

“Here I Am, Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you
calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
If you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Charge and Benediction (Adapted from “A Brief Statement of Faith”)

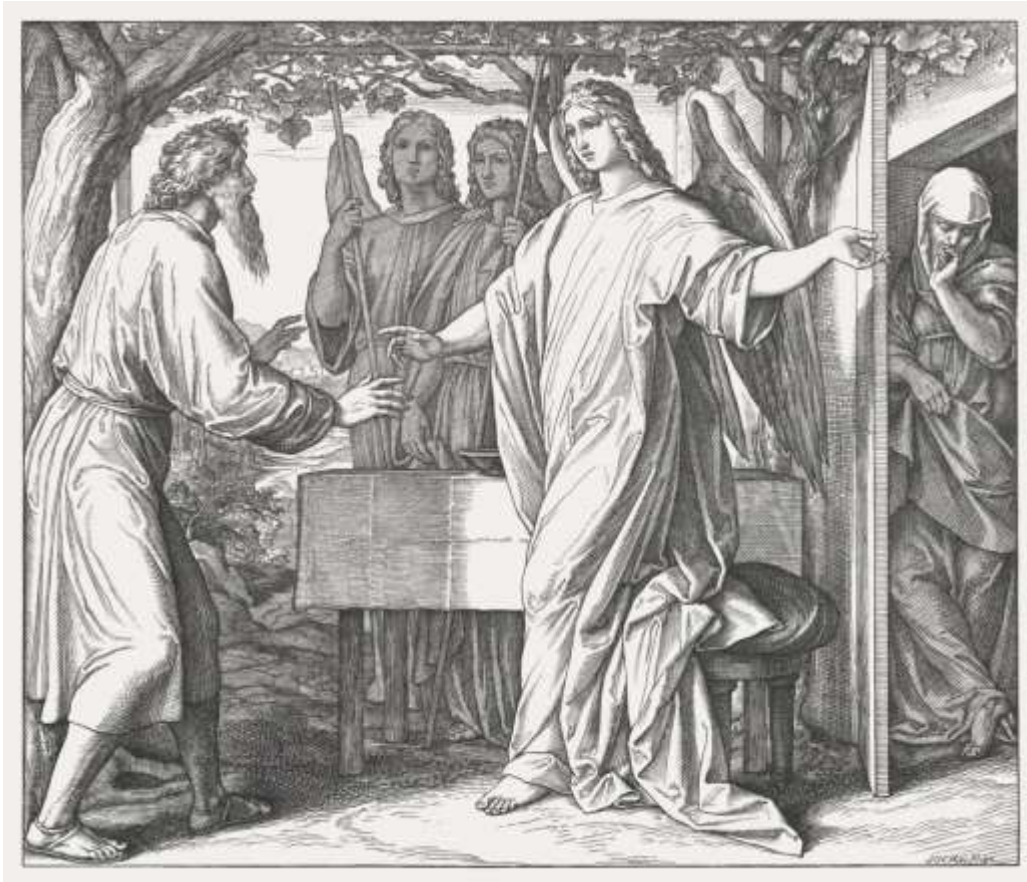
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One: In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all the families of the earth.

Many: Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

One: So go in faith, trusting in God who made everyone equally in God’s image. Go in hope, trusting in Jesus, who delivers us from death into life. And go in love, trusting in the Spirit who calls us to serve Christ in our daily tasks, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus.”

All: Amen!



Worship Notes: Thank you to Damon Martin for the hymn arrangements.



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