

WORSHIP GUIDE for JUNE 13, 2021

SETTING YOUR SPACE

This is the second Sunday in our summer of looking at stories of emergence – asking how Biblical characters weathered their own transitions and changes, what those moments meant in their lives and worlds, and what this current moment of transition means to and for us, in ours. We'll be reading part of the story of Abraham and Sarah (here, they're still Abram & Sarai) as they set out on a journey into the unknown. And we'll be honoring our graduates, wishing them well as they take their next steps! For this service, you might consider adding some element that reminds you of when you took a next/big step, when you set out for unknown places, or explored an unfamiliar idea or emotion, or took a risk. Maybe that's a tassel from your own graduation; a photo of someplace beautiful you ended up by surprise; a journal entry; or the same candle you have every week, this time, lit with the intention of remembering the light that guided your way.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Geoff Clayton, Pianist

Welcome – Rev. Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor

Gathering Song: *I Am (Blue Book)*

**–Jesse Cromer, Director of Music Ministries, Heidi Toth,
Dave King, Geoff Clayton**

There's no space that Your love can't reach,
there's no place where we can't find peace;
There's no end to amazing grace.

Take me in, with Your arms spread wide,

take me in like an orphan child;
Never let go, never leave my side.

I am holding on to You. I am holding on to You.
In the middle of the storm, I am holding on, I am.

Love like this, O my God, to find.
I am overwhelmed with a joy divine.
Love like this sets our hearts of fire.

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In the middle of the storm, I am holding on, I am.

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This is my resurrection song, this is my hallelujah come.
This is why it's to You I run.
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This is why it's to You I run.

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There's no place where we can't find peace,
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I am. In the middle of the storm, I am holding on, I am.

Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer from Bret Hesla

Gracious Spirit, who loves us like a mother, whose realm is blooming among us now and within: We pray that your compassion guides us in every action. Give us what we need for each day, and help us to be satisfied with the miracle of that alone. Forgiver, whose embrace brings us to wholeness without our asking, may we reconcile ourselves to one another in humility. And may we cancel the crushing debts that imprison our neighbors so that communities of joy and health may flourish. May we neither profit from nor ignore evil, but ever work to thwart it with non-violence as we co-create the realm of peace in this world, now and each day. Amen.

Children's Story & Graduate Recognition

–Sean P. Williams, Children's & Youth Minister

Oh, the Places You'll Go! by Dr. Seuss

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-6

God said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people, and the home of your parents, and go to a place I will show you. I will make of you a great people. I will bless you and make your name so great that it will be used in blessings. I will bless those who bless you and I will curse those who curse you. And all the people on the face of the earth will be blessed through you."

Abram, who was 75 years old when he left Haran, began the journey as YHWH had instructed, and his nephew Lot went with them. Abram took Sarai his spouse, Lot, all their possessions, and all the dependents they acquired in Haran, and set out for Canaan.

When they arrived in Canaan, Abram and his family traveled through the land until they arrived at the sacred place at Shechem and came to the oak grove of Moreh. The Canaanites occupied the land at that time.

Sermon: “From a Known Home: Following a Call”

–Rev. Erika Marksbury

Response Song: *God of Abraham and Sarah* (NC Hymnal #20)

–Jesse Cromer, Heidi Toth, Dave King, Geoff Clayton

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Moses, Miriam’s Guide;

God of David and the prophets, God in Jesus glorified:

Up from the dust you raise a people,

breathe in the breath of life, of soul;

down through the years the people praise you

till alleluias make them whole!

God who dances in creation, spinning stars above our heads;

God whose face is scribed in music, by whose hand the earth is fed:

Up from the ground you raise the mountains,

raise our spirits, life our eyes;

down through the years your people praise you

till alleluias flood the skies!

God who loves the poor in spirit, God who comforts those who mourn;

balm for wounds, the friend of sinners,

taking the side of earth’s forlorn:

Up from the depths you raise your people,

giving them courage for the day:

down through the years the people praise you

till alleluias light their way!

In our lives from birth to dying, depth of sorrow, height of joy;

praising God in every season, let every key our hearts employ.

Praise is the healing, praise, the glory,

praise is the final mystery;

down through the years let people praise you

till alleluias set them free!

Closing Words

Going Forth Song: *Salt and Light (Blue Book)*

- Jesse Cromer, Heidi Toth, Dave King, Geoff Clayton

You make me want to be like You: Your holiness I will pursue.

I want the heart of Jesus.

Show me the meaning of Your grace; I want to give the world a taste of the love of Jesus.

Make me salt; make me light. Let Your holy fire ignite.

Reveal Your glory in my life.

'Cause I am not ashamed to lift up Your holy name.

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Make me salt; make me light. Let Your holy fire ignite.

Reveal Your glory in my life.

'Cause I am not ashamed to lift up Your holy name.

Make me salt; make me light.

Set me as a city on a hill, a lamp on a stand.

Mold me in Your image, the work of Your hand.

Make me salt; make me light. Let Your holy fire ignite.

Reveal Your glory in my life.

'Cause I am not ashamed to lift up Your holy name.

Make me salt; make me light.

Benediction

One: Friends, ... may the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Postlude – Geoff Clayton

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