

May 2, 2021

"ABRAHAM: WHEN YOUR FAITH  
DEMANDS THAT YOU QUESTION GOD"

*Genesis 22:1-19*



*We Gather In Christ*

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"  
James K. Manley (1975)

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, let the wind of your Spirit sweep into our lives today,  
so that this act of worship and the week to follow  
may become a time of renewal and rededication to your service. Amen.

WELCOME

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

SINGING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"  
words by William Williams (1745)

*We Recognize our Need to Grow Closer to God*

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Eternal God, there are many times we think we love you well.

**But too often we do not love you with all our heart, and all our mind,  
and all our strength.**

Our love for you is a diluted love, made flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart.

**Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away.**  
How easily our devotion dies.

**Forgive us; in grace rekindle our love for you. Amen.**

*Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.*

RECEIVING GRACE

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.

Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

**Thanks be to God.**

"God is unfolding something magnificent in us even when it's hard. We're like origami; the more creases we have, the better."  
—Bob Goff

What is your Isaac? What is your most valuable possession? Could it be that you have become preoccupied with those possessions, that those possessions have become the center of your life so that you no longer fear God?

## *We Hear the Word*

### TIME OF DISCOVERY

### MUSICAL MEDITATION

"You Are Mine"  
by David Haas

MESSAGE "Abraham: When Your Faith Demands that You Question God" —Dr. Craig Wansink  
Genesis 22:1-19

*Open our eyes, Lord, help us to see your face.  
Open our eyes, Lord, help us to see.*

### THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

## *We Respond to the Word*

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Following Communion

### SINGING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

"When Peace Like a River"  
words by Horatio Spafford (1873)

### BENEDICTION

May God grant you the heart of a servant,  
wisdom for the difficult decisions you face each day,  
the courage to stand by your convictions,  
and the humility to acknowledge your mistakes.  
May you surrender your future to the Lord,  
with your heart and mind open to his direction for your life.  
**Amen.**

*Open our hearts, Lord, help us to love like you.  
Open our hearts, Lord, help us to love.*

"If there is any answer to the question of why God tested Abraham, it must . . . (be) he wanted to know, once and for all, whether or not Abraham trusted God completely."  
—Thomas Mann

Is Abraham's trust really in God, or in what God has promised?