



Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

Genesis 22: 2



Our Worship of God

October 16, 2016

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Abraham and Sarah: Stories of Faith and Failure

*"I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number,
like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore."*

Genesis 22:17

Prelude

Pastorale

Franck

Call to Worship (responsive)

Based on Micah 6:6-8

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer God,

How do we thank you?

How do we show our gratitude?

Do you want signs and sacrifices?

Do you want gold and cattle?

Can we turn over our children to you?

Would that repay our debt, make everything right?

Tell us, what do you require in return for all your goodness?

*Teacher, example, companion –
You have shown us what is good,
and call us to remember
that what you require is not
repayment of debt
or settling the score,
but obedience.
Show us, God,
when to do justice,
how to love kindness,
and where to walk,
humbly,
with You.
Amen.*

†Proclamation Hymn 29

O Worship the King

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

Affirmation (Unison)

Michael McEntyre

*I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events around us.
I refuse to believe we are bound by racism, war, and injustice.
I believe those around me are my brother and my sister.
I believe in dignity every day and that our brokenness can be healed.
I believe we can overcome oppression and violence,
without resorting to it.
This means I seek to reject revenge and retaliation.
I remember, “Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can.”*

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Deb Carr

Micah 6:6-8

What God Requires

*“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?*

*Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"*
*He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer in Times of Violence and Fear (unison)

Almighty, all-merciful God, through Christ Jesus you have taught us to love one another, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and even to love our enemies. In times of violence and fear, let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, so that we may not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good.

Help us to see each person in light of the love and grace you have shown us in Christ. Put away the nightmares of terror and awaken us to the dawning of your new creation. Establish among us a future where peace reigns, justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled.

*We ask these things in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Anthem

I Will Be a Child of Peace

Hagenberg

*O Holy Father I will be a child of peace and purity
for well I know Thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.*

Scripture Reading

Deb Carr

Genesis 22:1-18

The Command to Sacrifice Isaac

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring

shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

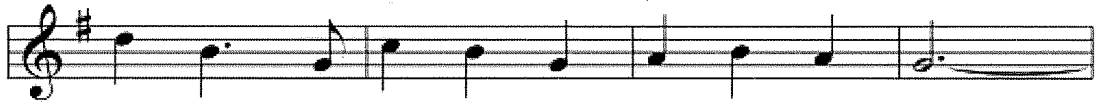
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

†Hymn

Come! Live In the Light!



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
vio - lence will be no more.
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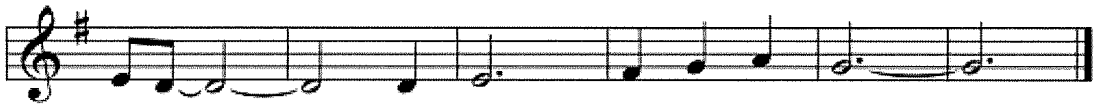
Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Message

Sacrificing Isaac

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 641

All the Way

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Andantino

Faure / arr. Hopson

Announcements

†Benediction

Postlude

Worship Notes

The cover image of Abraham sacrificing Isaac is rendered by He Gi.

The Call to Worship is written by Dana Cassell. Posted on the **Church of the Brethren** website, <http://www.brethren.org/resources/>.

The Affirmation is drawn from the writings of Martin Luther King, Jr. by Abigail Reichard, a student at Christian Theological Seminary. Posted on the Disciples of Christ **Council on Christian Unity** website <http://ssu.disciples.org/>.

Prayer in Times of Violence and Fear is from a collection of *Prayers for Times of National and International Crisis and Tragedy*, posted on the PCUSA website <http://www.pcusa.org/>.

Congratulations to Sean Douglas, who was baptized at the Awakening Service this morning. Sean and his wife, Marcy, are new members at First Baptist Church.

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Today's prelude is an expression of thanks by Colleen Ostercamp to her First Baptist family. "Pastorale" was written by Cesar Franck (1832-1890 Belgium) who composed around 100 pieces for organ, mostly short ones for church services. Pastorale op. 19 is one of his twelve masterworks. "This is our flock and we praise Our Good Shepherd together."

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 16

4 pm Friends 'n Fellowship
Green Room

4-4:50 pm Children's Music
Sanctuary

**5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult
Bible Study**
*3rd Floor Youth Suite
Sanctuary*

Monday, October 17

2-3:30 pm David Gifford's Bible Study
Conference Room

1:30-3:30 pm Staff Meeting
Conference Room

Wednesday, October 19

6:15 pm The Calling for 6th-12th Grade
3rd Floor Youth Suite

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
All Rehearsals in Sanctuary

Sunday, October 23

4-4:50 pm Children's Music
Sanctuary

**5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult
Bible Study**
*3rd Floor Youth Suite
Sanctuary*

My Notes:

Announcements

Starts today: Sunday Morning Small Group Discussion at 10:15 in the 2nd floor conference room. We will wrestle with hard questions about faith, religion and God with the aid of a video series authored by Rob Bell. No simple answers are provided, but together, and through our relationship with a living God, we will explore topics such as forgiveness, doubt, healing, and spirituality. Upcoming topics include whether the word “love” is our most misunderstood and misused word; whether our lives even matter; and whether we’re too wrapped up in religion to see what matters to God. Each session stands alone, so come when you can!

A sermon discussion group begins today in the conference room following the 11:15 service. This is an opportunity to dig deeper into scriptural texts or topics from the day’s sermon that you found intriguing, challenging, illuminating or confusing. Everyone is welcome, so come give it a try. We’ll meet every other Sunday for about an hour. We’ll order in box lunches for those interested.

First Baptist Adventures takes us to Ellis Library tomorrow, October 17th. You can carpool from the church parking, or meet Noah Hartsfield in the colonnade by the north doors of the Library. The presentation, in room 401, will be a viewing of religious & theological texts from across the ages in the Library’s Special Collections and Rare Books. The tour will take about an hour, followed by dinner from about 6:30 to 7:30 at Eleven Eleven (across Broadway from the church).

Children are invited to participate in our new music program from 4-4:50 Sunday afternoons in the sanctuary. We will explore music and movement with singing, drumming and bell ringing.

Eighth Annual E-Mail Auction for the Child Development Center will be held October 31-November 4. We need your discarded treasures. Business gift certificates, products, and services are also excellent auction items. You can send a brief description and/or picture to Trudy Clevenger at momclev@rocketmail.com. All proceeds will be used to enhance the CDC’s operating budget.

Join CBF Heartland friends at the CBF Heartland Fall Assembly on Friday, October 21 from 2-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Jefferson City. We’ll celebrate our two decades of ministry and mission while looking forward to our bright future together. The Heartland Fall Assembly will be a great opportunity to see old friends

while connecting with new ministry colleagues. There will be networking, fellowship and worship. For more information, visit cbfheartland.org.

The Child Development Center at First Baptist is hosting a Halloween Party on Friday October 28. First Baptist families are invited to join the fun. All children are welcome to come in costume, but please nothing scary, and no weapons. Two-five year olds will party in the Fellowship Hall. Supervised activities will be provided on the 3rd floor for children in 1st grade and up.

Join us for Afternoon at the Farm Sunday, October 30

This annual event is at Sunday October 30, at Park and Marjorie Bay's farm right outside Columbia. It is a fun filled afternoon of hayrides, food, and Trunk n' Treat for children. Details are in the current Spire and on our website at www.fbc-columbia.org.





11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

For Children During Worship:

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the conference on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

Church Staff

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