

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 17th, 2017

15th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am

• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes

Welcome & Announcements *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Laura Barmore

Moment of Silent Prayer/Meditation

Prelude

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship

One: God calls us to step forth in faith.

All: We respond: Lord, here I am.

One: Jesus sends us out to live in faith.

All: We trust that the Lord will provide.

•Hymn 488

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Lord, as the days get shorter and the seasons change we remember that everything changes, all the time. You made it that way and know that it is good. Why is it we shy away from change? Change is constant, the earth rotates around the sun. Every moment life begins and life ends.

Forgive us when we waste the gift of life. Life is made for sharing, for talking and caring for each other. Forgive us when we misuse the gift of life. Life is made for loving each other and finding ways to reconcile to each other.

Remind us of how precious each of us is, of how important it is to treat each other as we want to be treated. Guide us through the changes that come our way, and help us to find ways to cope with them. May we strive to offer ourselves for others, sacrificing our wants and desires to help bring in your kingdom.

Moment of Silent Confession

Kyrie 572 "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the good news: God, who created all things, also loves and forgives.

All: We are loved! We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

•Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106 *(refrain)*

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

Children's Sermon

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the lit-tle chil-dren, All the chil-dren of the world

Ev-'ry col-or, ev-'ry race, all are cov-ered by His grace;

Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren of the world.

•The Peace

Leader: . . . The peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you.

•Gloria Patri (#579)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading: John 1:29-31 *(page 85)* Laura Barmore
(New Revised Standard Version)

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

Anthem

"Send Out Thy Light"

Adult Choir

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

Psalm 43:3, 139:24, 20:7

Second Scripture Reading: Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

(page 16 & page 17)

(New Revised Standard Version)

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

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."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"The Binding of Isaac"

Rev. Jim Yao

Response to the Word

•Apostles' Creed *(Traditional - page 14)*

•Hymn 370

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

Joys & Concerns

Laura Barmore

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Offering of Tithes & Gifts Offertory

- Doxology (#592)
- Prayer of Dedication
- Hymn 275
- Charge and Benediction

“God of Our Life”

- Congregational Response

“Go with Us, Lord” #535

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and ev-ery com-ing day,
That in Your Spir-it strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.*

Postlude

=====music notes=====

Today’s anthem is a prayer of supplication and affirmation with text from the Psalms.

*Send Out Thy Light and Thy truth, let them lead me,
And let them bring me to thy holy hill.*

*Lord, our God! Thou will save thine anointed,
Thou will hear us from heaven;*

Some in chariots put their faith, but our trust is in Thee.

*They are brought down and fallen, but the Lord is our helper,
We shall not be afraid.*

The term “holy hill” is used interchangeably with “tabernacle” throughout the Old Testament. The many references to chariots in the Old Testament are given in contrast to trust in God.

Serving During The Worship Service Today

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We strive to live peacefully with all and respect one another while loving and serving the Lord; our doors and mission are open to all.