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A detailed oil painting depicting a biblical scene, likely the story of Abraham and his sons. An elderly man with a long white beard and a turban (Abraham) stands in the center, gesturing with his hands towards a bowl of fruit on the ground. Two younger men, presumably his sons Isaac and Jacob, are seated on the ground in front of him, looking up at him. They are dressed in traditional Middle Eastern attire, including long robes and head coverings. The setting is a lush, green forest with large trees and dense foliage. The lighting is warm and golden, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning scene. The overall mood is one of reverence and hospitality.

**He . . . prepared,
and set it before them**

Genesis 18:8

Living in Grace: Loving God & Serving Others

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

20 July 2025, 10:15 am

AS WE GATHER

“Make God laugh,” a wise man once said, “—plan something!” He meant that God always has the last laugh, especially when we make mistakes, and His will is done anyway. That’s what God did with Sarah and has done every time someone uncovers His promised, gracious rewards. The Colossians were laughing with Him, and in the Gospel, Mary has enough faith to listen to Jesus. Don’t try to get God laughing; join Him rejoicing in all His blessings.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONGS

If We Are the Body

Mark Hall

It's crowded in worship today as she slips in,
Trying to fade into the faces.
The girls' teasing laughter is carrying farther than they know,
Farther than they know

Chorus

But if we are the body,
Why aren't His arms reaching?
Why aren't His hands healing?
Why aren't His words teaching?
And if we are the body,
Why aren't His feet going?
Why is His love not showing them there is a way,
There is a way...

A traveler is far away from home, he sheds his coat
And quietly sinks into the back row.
The weight of their judgmental glances
Tells him that his chances are better out on the road ***Chorus***

Bridge

Jesus paid much too high a price
For us to pick and choose who should come;
And we are the body of Christ.

If we are the body, Why aren't His arms reaching?
Why aren't His hands healing? Why aren't His words teaching?
And if we are the body, Why aren't His feet going?
Why is His love not showing them there is a way?
Jesus is the way.

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There Is Joy in the Lord

Cheri Keaggy

There is joy in the Lord,
There is love in His Spirit,
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.

There's a fountain that flows
Like a river from heaven
Abounding in love to my soul.

Chorus

All blessing and honor are His,
All glory and power are His.
Let all wisdom and strength
Be the Lord's in this place
Let all glory be given to Him.

There is joy in the Lord,
There is love in His Spirit,
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.

There's a fountain I know
Ev'ry time I am near it
My heart overflows to the Lord. **Chorus**

There is joy in the Lord,
There is love in His Spirit,
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.

There's a fountain that flows
Like a river from heaven
Living water for those who believe.

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INVOCATION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Ps. 119:41, 49-50, 81, 89-90a

Let Your steadfast love come to me, O Lord,

Your salvation according to Your promise.

Remember Your word to Your servant, in which You have made me hope.

This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your promise gives me life.

My soul longs for Your salvation;

I hope in Your word.

Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations.

REPENTANCE and RECONCILIATION

Beloved of God, "you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, Christ has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him."

Colossians 1:21-22

God is gracious and full of compassion. Let us, therefore, go to Him with humble spirits and contrite hearts and confess our sins.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Heavenly Father,

like Sarah, we laugh when it seems like You are doing the impossible. Forgive us for failing to see Your almighty power at work for us.

Lord Jesus,

although all the Father's promises came true through Your efforts, too often we depend on our own thoughts, words, and deeds to merit Your grace and mercy. Forgive us for not accepting Your last laugh in the resurrection, O Lord.

O Holy Spirit,

sometimes, like those who have not heard the Good News, we have believed that Your promises are dependent on our good works. Forgive us.

Sarah gave birth in her old age, Scripture records for everyone how God's many promises were kept, and in Christ's resurrection is the forgiveness of all our sins and the power to work inside and through us, by the Holy Spirit. Those that believe and are baptized shall be saved.

Grant this Lord, unto us all. Amen.

POST-CONFESSION SONG

Come and Behold Him

John Chisum and George Searcy

Come and behold Him, come see His glory,
Come with an honest heart to see all He is;
We will discover all of His beauty,
His light will burn away all the darkness we've known.

Chorus

Come and behold Him, come and behold Him,
Come with an honest heart to see all He is;
Come and behold Him, wait now before Him
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.

Come and behold Him, come see His mercy,
Come find His tenderness reaching to you;
Just as a mirror shows a reflection,
His Word and Spirit come, now revealing His love. **Chorus**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word

and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will,

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

[Please refer to the back of your service folder or to the screens overhead.]

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

Grace Perry

“Isaac's Birth Promised”

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 27:7-14 (antiphon: v. 4)

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

You have said, “Seek my face.”

My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.”

Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger,

O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,

O God of my salvation!

For my father and my mother have forsaken me,

but the Lord will take me in.

Teach me your way, O Lord,

and lead me on a level path

because of my enemies.

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

for false witnesses have risen against me,

and they breathe out violence.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord

in the land of the living!

Wait for the Lord;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;

wait for the Lord!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:*

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.**

EPISTLE READING: Colossians 1:21-29

Roy Tedsen

“Paul's Ministry to the Church”

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in honor the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O God.

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

WHAT WE BELIEVE ~ Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Following the CREED the people may greet one another saying, "Peace be with you."

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Faye Mergups

(Kindergarten – 5th grade students are excused to attend Children's Church in the ANNEX)

SONG OF THE DAY

Listen, God Is Calling

LSB 833

Refrain

Leader: Listen,

All: Listen, God is calling
Through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness,
Comfort, and joy.

1 *Leader:* Jesus gave His mandate:

All: Share the good news

Leader: That He came to save us

All: And set us free. ***Refrain***

2 *Leader:* Let none be forgotten

All: Throughout the world.

Leader: In the triune name of God

All: Go and baptize. ***Refrain***

3 *Leader:* Help us to be faithful,

All: Standing steadfast,

Leader: Walking in Your precepts,

All: Led by Your Word. ***Refrain***

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MESSAGE *"Jesus Calls Us to Learn His Word & Care for Insiders"*

Luke 10:39

Elder David Wilson

THANKFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE VISITING, the giving of tithes and offerings is intended for our members, as both a response to God's blessings and in support of our ministries here at Grace. As our guests, you should not feel compelled to donate, except as you are moved by the Holy Spirit. We do ask, however, that you please complete a "Welcome" card and give it to the pastor or place it in the grey box marked "I BRING AN OFFERING TO THE LORD" sitting on the table next to the usher's station at the entrance to the sanctuary, in order that we would have a record of your having attended and your contact information should you desire a visit from the pastor or are in need of prayer.

Please stand.

OFFERING SONG

Create In Me

Mary Rice Hopkins

Create in me__ a clean heart, Oh God__, that I might serve__ You.

Create in me__ a clean heart, Oh God__, that I might be renewed.

So fill me__ and heal__ me and bring me back to You.

Create in me__ a clean heart, Oh God__, that I might serve__ You.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Having heard God's word of mercy, let us come near to His throne of grace
with prayers on behalf of ourselves and all people according to their needs.*

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Matt Maher, Bryan Fowler, Jacob Sooter

Verse

Father let your kingdom come.

Father let your will be done.

On earth as in heaven.

Right here in my heart. **(Repeat)**

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us, forgive us,

As we forgive the ones who sinned

Against us, forgive them.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

Let your kingdom come.

Verse

Father let your kingdom come.

Father let your will be done.

On earth as in heaven.

Right here in my heart. **(Repeat)**

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us, forgive us,

As we forgive the ones who sinned
Against us, forgive them.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
Let your kingdom come.

Bridge

It's yours, it's yours,
All yours, all yours.
The kingdom, the power,
The glory are yours. **(Repeat)**

Verse

Father let your kingdom come.
Father let your will be done.
On earth as in heaven.
Right here in my heart. **(Repeat)**

Ending

On earth as in heaven, right here in my heart.

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BLESSING TO DEPART

*May God—our joyful, heavenly Father; His loving Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and the enlivening Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us now and forever.*

Amen.

DEPARTING SONG

Your Love Never Fails

Chris McClarney, Anthony Skinner

Nothing can separate,
Even if I ran away,
Your love never fails.

I know I still make mistakes, but
You have new mercies for me ev'ryday;
Your love never fails.

Chorus 1

You stay the same through the ages;
Your love never changes.

There may be pain in the night,
But joy comes in the morning.
And when the oceans rage,
I don't have to be afraid,
Because I know that You love me.
Your love never fails.

The wind is strong and the water's deep,
But I'm not alone here in these open seas,
Your love never fails.

The chasm is far too wide,
I never thought I'd reach the other side;
Your love never fails.

Chorus 2

You stay the same through the ages;
Your love never changes.
There may be pain in the night,
But joy comes in the morning.
And when the oceans rage,
I don't have to be afraid,
Because I know that You love me.

Instrumental

Bridge

You make_ all things_ work together for my good.
You make_ all things_ work together for my good. **(Repeat twice)**

End with Chorus 2

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*Thanks for Joining Us for Worship Today!
Please stay and enjoy some refreshments and conversation
in the Grace Fellowship Hall*

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About the Cover

Abraham welcomed the Lord and two angels with his best meal. May we also welcome the Lord into our lives when He visits us with His Word and Sacrament. Jesus first welcomed us into His kingdom by restoring our relationship with God the Father by dying on the cross and rising again.

He continues to welcome us to His Table and feed us with His very best: His very body and blood, given and shed for us.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18:1–10a

¹The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of 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.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then 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.

⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.”

Epistle: Colossians 1:21–29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith,

stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38–42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

Sermon Notes

“Jesus Calls Us to Learn His Word and Care for Insiders”
Luke 10:38-42

Main Point:

Jesus calls us to be _____ and also to _____ at _____
_____ to his _____ .

Law:

_____, even _____ ,
can become an _____ if it keeps us from _____ to Jesus.

Gospel:

Jesus gives us _____

Notes:

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