



September 20, 2020. 16th Sunday after Pentecost. Narrative Lectionary week 2 of year 3.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "What God Ordains is Good"
Johann Gottfried Walther

Greeting

Call to Worship Psalm 105:1-9

One: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name.
Make his deeds known to all people.

All: Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on God's wondrous works.

One: Give praise to God's holy name. Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord.

All: Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always!

One: Remember the wondrous works he has done, all God's marvelous works, and the justice God declared.

All: You who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

One: God remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded to a thousand generations,

All: Which he made with Abraham, the solemn pledge he swore to Isaac.

Prayer of Confession Psalm 51:1-10

Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love. Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion. Wash me completely clean of my guilt. Purify me of my sin. I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always in front of me. I've sinned against you... And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom in the most secret space. Purify me. Wash me. Let me hear joy and celebration again. Create a clean heart for me, God. Put a new, faithful spirit deep inside of me.

Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession

Words of Assurance

Share the Peace of Christ with others

Hymn #692

"Creator of the Stars of Night"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #94

"Praise God"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Genesis 15:1-6 (CEB)

After these events, the Lord's word came to Abram in a vision, "Don't be afraid, Abram. I am your protector. Your reward will be very great."

But Abram said, "Lord God, what can you possibly give me, since I still have no children? The head of my household is Eliezer, a man from Damascus." He continued, "Since you haven't given me any children, the head of my household will be my heir."

The Lord's word came immediately to him, "This man will not be your heir. Your heir will definitely be your very own biological child." Then he brought Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars if you think you can count them." He continued, "This is how many children you will have." Abram trusted the Lord, and the Lord recognized Abram's high moral character.

Hymn #116

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Sermon

"Promise to Abraham"

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn #374

"Standing on the Promises"

Blessing

Postlude



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Coming Next:

Sept. 27	Joseph	Gen. 37:3-8
Oct. 4	Passover	Exodus 12:1-13, 13:1-8
Oct. 11	Golden Calf	Exodus 32:1-14
Oct. 18	Hannah Promises	1 Samuel 1:9-2:10



WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Genesis 15:5

[God] brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then [God] said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Genesis 17:1-8	God Changes Abram’s name
Tuesday	Genesis 18:1-15	A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah
Wednesday	Genesis 21:1-7	The Birth of Isaac
Thursday	Genesis 22:1-14	The Command to Sacrifice Isaac
Friday	Genesis 27:1-17, 30-38	Isaac Blesses Jacob
Saturday	Genesis 35:9-15	God’s Promise Passed to Jacob

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- ◇ **Highs and Lows:** Where did you shine bright today? Where did you not shine so bright?
- ◇ **Thinking About This Week’s Story:** Even though Abram and Sarai had no children, God promised them many descendants. God cared about Abram, Sarai and their family. In what ways, do you feel God’s love and care in our daily life?
- ◇ **Getting Ready for Next Week’s Story:** Pushed into a pit and sold into slavery, Joseph, Jacob’s favored son, finds himself between a rock and a hard place. But no matter where he went, God was with him. Name a time today when you felt bad. Did you feel God was with you? How?