

**September 19, 2021 Worship Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost**

Welcome

Songs: *Shout to the North; The Wonderful Cross*

Call to Worship:

L: God created all things.

C: We celebrate all that God created when we gather.

L: We celebrate the radical love of a God

C: That needs no sacrifice,

L: That needs no blood to be spilled,

C: That puts humanity first.

L: Whether we enter this worship space with clear hearts or the
burden of sin,

C: We are welcome in this place.

L: God continues to keep God's promises,

C: And we come to God's house ready to put our trust in God.

L: As Samuel living in the house of the Lord,

C: We come together to live, work, and serve for you.

L: We gather to lift our praise and thanksgiving through our worship,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

A: Amen!

Songs: *The Power of Your Love; Word of God Speak*

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

Children's Message

Message: *Sacrifice*

Songs: *He Knows My Name*

Affirmation of Faith (9:00)

We believe in one God, the father the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten of the Father, God from God Lord, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Faithful Lord, you have given us so much. You have put us first and have loved us unconditionally. Accept these gifts that we return to you

as a sign of our love for you and for your creation. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Confession

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Creator of all things,

C: We have failed to care for all that you have made. We have squandered resources and oppressed others. Forgive us for what we have done and have failed to do. Teach us how to be steward of your creation with care and nurture. Please forgive these sins and also the sins we lift now in silence...

L: Our God will always love all that God has made. Although we sin, God forgives us and so as a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority alone, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins. You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! Receive now this forgiveness as a gift from a loving God. In the name of Jesus we pray.

A: Amen!

Communion

God has made it known: God loves with limitless ability. God puts people above all else. This meal is the new covenant of that love God established with Abraham so long ago. Come, all who are gathered here, for this meal has been prepared for you.

Song: *Sanctuary*

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

L: Go now, and live before God in openness and integrity.

Set your minds on the ways of God,

not clinging to your own life,

but taking up your cross and following Jesus.

And may God give you a share in the eternal covenant;

May Christ Jesus be proud of you when he comes in glory;

And may the Holy Spirit make you grow strong in faith

and lead you in the ways of righteousness.

Strengthened in our faith, we leave this time of worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

A: Amen!

Song: *You are Good*

Dismissal

L: This worship service is over. Now let the service to others begin. Let us go in peace to love and serve our Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Next Sunday: *Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17*

A few questions to consider throughout the week ...

- What is the story of Abraham ultimately about?
- What makes this reading difficult for you?
- What is God up to, asking Abraham to sacrifice Isaac?
- What resolves the crisis of Abraham sacrificing Isaac?