

*Prelude**Choral Introit**Lay Speaker Welcome*

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Church Greetings & Announcements

Liturgist: Paige Treadway

Praise Songs:

“What Faith Can Do”
“Follow You”

The People Gather (Psalm 33)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, Sing to Him a new song!

People: The word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

Leader: The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord

People: The counsel of the Lord stands forever.**All: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord. Praise the Lord!***Hymn “Grace Alone” TFWS #2162**The People Pray*

**Lord God, friend of those in need,
Your Son Jesus has untied our burdens
and healed our spirits.**

**We lift up the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened,
those seeking healing,
those in need within the church and the world. Amen**

*Special Music**Children’s Moment*

Sharing Praises, Prayer Requests and Testimonies,
Prayer

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Our Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, which 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 them that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

The Word of God for the People of God:

Genesis 12: 1-4

The Lord said to Abram, “Leave your land, your family, and your father’s household for the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, those who curse you I will curse; all the families of the earth will be blessed because of you.”

⁴ Abram left just as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran.

Romans 4:18-25

¹⁸ When it was beyond hope, he had faith in the hope that he would become the father of many nations, in keeping with the promise God spoke to him: *That’s how many descendants you will have.* ¹⁹ Without losing faith, Abraham, who was nearly 100 years old, took into account his own body, which was as good as dead, and Sarah’s womb, which was dead. ²⁰ He didn’t hesitate with a lack of faith in God’s promise, but he grew strong in faith and gave glory to God. ²¹ He was fully convinced that God was able to do what he promised. ²² Therefore, it was credited to him as righteousness.

²³ But the scripture that says *it was credited to him* wasn’t written only for Abraham’s sake. ²⁴ It was written also for our sake, because it is going to be credited to us too. It will be credited to those of us who have faith in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was handed over because of our mistakes, and he was raised to meet the requirements of righteousness for us.

Matthew 9:9-13

⁹ As Jesus continued on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. He said to him, “Follow me,” and he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ As Jesus sat down to eat in Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners joined Jesus and his disciples at the table.

¹¹ But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

¹² When Jesus heard it, he said, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor, but sick people do. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: *I want mercy and not sacrifice.* I didn’t come to call righteous people, but sinners.”

Message: “Grace Always”

The People Bring Their Gifts

Freewill Offering – baskets will be passed or consider using the online app

The People Offer Praise

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #95

*The People Go Into the World**Benediction*

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Closing Hymn “Shalom to You” UMH #66

(holding hands for those open to doing so):

Shalom to you now, Shalom my friends.

May God’s full mercies bless you my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your Shalom, Christ be your Shalom.

Postlude