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| |  | | --- | | October 25th, 2020 – 10:30am Springfield Presbyterian Church Order of Worship    *Announcements*   *Lighting the Christ Candle* Leader: Whenever we light this candle we proclaim: **People: Christ is the Light of the world and center of our lives.**   *Gathering of the People* Leader: The Lord be with you! **People: And also with you!** [Greetings and Announcements]   *Call to Worship  [Psalm 15]* Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? **People: Who may dwell on your holy hill?** Leader: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, **People: Those who speak the truth from their heart;** Leader: Those who do not slander with their tongue, **People: Those who do no evil to their friends,** Leader: Those who do not take up a reproach against their neighbors; **People: Those whose eyes the wicked are despised,** Leader: Those who honor and fear the Lord, **People: Those who stand by their oath even when it hurts;** Leader: Those who do not lend money at interest, **People: Those who do not take a bribe against the innocent.** **ALL: Those who do these things shall not be moved. Let us praise our God!**   *\* Hymn* To Abraham and Sarah – GtG#51   *Prayer of Confession* **Generous God, in you, we find a covenant and a promise that spans the ages. Yet when you command us, we do not listen, when you seek our faithfulness, we shy away, when you show your mercies, we find ourselves expectant. In our confession and in following your commands, the promise is true, you will replenish and provide for us. Forgive us when we lose sight of your call on our hearts and renew us again with strength to follow you, even in the most challenging of circumstances. Amen.**   *Silent Prayers of Confession*   *Words of Assurance (responsive)* Leader: God’s promise is sure and is for all who believe and confess in the name of Jesus Christ. **People: We are forgiven, forgiven indeed. Let us praise our God! Alleluia and amen!**   *The Peace* Leader: The peace of Christ be with you! **People: And also with you!** (You may greet those around you)   *The Proclamation of the Word*   *Prayer of Illumination*   Generous God, as words are spoken, help us to hear in a new way. Show us tangibly what these words mean and how we can best serve you by following them. Guide us and help us to lean into the Word. Amen.   *Scripture Lesson* **Genesis 22 (NRSV) The Command to Sacrifice Isaac**  After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” **2**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.” **3**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. **4**On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. **5**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.” **6**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. **7**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?” **8**Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together. **9**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. **10**Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. **11**But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” **12**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.” **13**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. **14**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.” **15**The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, **16**and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, **17**I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, **18**and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.” **19**So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham lived at Beer-sheba.   *Sermon* From Submission to Provision   *The Response to the Word*   *\* Hymn* There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy – GtG#435     *Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer*  “For this I pray to God” / “For this I give thanks to God.” Congregational Response: “**Hear our prayer, O God.”**     And now, in confidence and in gratitude, we say the prayer together that Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, taught us to pray…  **Our Father,** **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven and give us this day our daily bread** **and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.** **For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**     *Offertory Prayer*     *Hymn* Amazing Grace - #649   *Charge & Benediction* Leader: Take us from this place **People: To follow your command.** Leader: Help us to hear your Spirit, **People: And trust beyond ourselves.** Leader: This day and always, **People: May we serve and trust you.** | |