

Order of Worship
June 28th 2020 ~ 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

You are making all things new.

A new heaven

A new earth

A new way of thinking

A new way of being.

You are making all things new.

No more death

No more mourning

No more crying

No more pain.

You are making all things new.

Renew our minds

to renew the world

by living out your

commandment of love.

You are making all things new.

From Weekly Worship

Hymn of Praise

By Faith

Music for Meditation

Opening Prayer

Living God,

Maker of heaven and earth,

we come into your presence

and we know ourselves to be recipients of

great and wonderful gifts —

the earth, the sky, the waters —

given to us here in such abundance and beauty.

We lead enormously privileged lives.

Don't let our comfort blind us to the newness

you are making in our midst —

a newness that is taking us in directions

we would not choose on our own;

a newness that moves our safe horizons

out beyond what we can control.

This much does not change:

You are our God; we are your people,

**bound to you by the love of Jesus Christ
and by the call of your Holy Spirit.
Faithful God, hold us deep in that truth
even as you move us into your new creation.**

**Creating and re-creating God,
take us in our uncertainties
and make us new.
We pray in the name of your Son,
who has gone ahead of us into your new future
and who beckons us follow. Amen.**

Written by Christine Jerrett

Special Music

Kaddish
Maurice Ravel

Scripture Reading

Genesis 22: 1-14
New Living Translation

1 Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called.

"Yes," he replied. "Here I am."

2 "Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you."

3 The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about. **4** On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. **5** "Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back."

6 So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together, **7** Isaac turned to Abraham and said, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"We have the fire and the wood," the boy said, "but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?"

8 "God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son," Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.

9 When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. **10** And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. **11** At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

“Yes,” Abraham replied. “Here I am!”

12 “Don’t lay a hand on the boy!” the angel said. “Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.”

13 Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. **14** Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means “the Lord will provide”). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A God Who Innovates

Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Offertory

The Theme from *Schindler's List*

John Williams

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

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Communion

The God Of Abraham Praise

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Open The Eyes of My Heart

Back Talk

Closing Prayer

**Loving and Sustaining God,
Give us courage to faithfully follow your leading,
even when we cannot see the outcome,
even when the path you call us to seems impossible to comprehend.
Help us to trust you in all things,
to let go of everything that would stand in the way
of whole-hearted obedience to you.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.**

written by Pastor Mary Anne Isaak

Blessing

Postlude

Washed In The Blood

Elisha Hoffman; Arr. Tracey Ann Collins

Our love in action now begins...

Our Sunday School is next...