



God has made

**LAUGHTER**

for me: everyone who hears  
will laugh with me!  
Genesis 21:6

Central's mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

June 14, 2020

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Musical Gift

*God of Our Fathers*

Mansfield

Call to Worship

Raise your voices in response to God's goodness.

**We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.**

Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God's mercy.

**We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.**

God is good; Praise be to God!

**The love and mercy of God never fails. Amen.**

(By Nancy C. Townley)

Fred Webster

Hymn #57 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Wesley

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner’s ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles’ Creed*

Mark Haines

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*universal*

Opening Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer —

Mark Haines

**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. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

Fred Webster

Children’s Message

Debbie Looney

Hymn #99 “My Tribute”

Crouch

**To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done.  
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me;  
to God be the glory for the things he has done.**

Bible Reading — Genesis 18:1-15

Fred Webster

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” <sup>1</sup>Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — “Laugh with Me!”

Dorothy Ann Webster

Hymn #351 “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

Crosby

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.  
**Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.**
2. Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief, kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief.
3. Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face; heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace.
4. Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,  
whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee?

**Bible Reading for June 21**

**Genesis 22:1-14** After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>2</sup>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.” <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup>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.” <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>12</sup>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.” <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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.”



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