

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 11, 2013

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor

Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Kilpatrick
L. Cornwall

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

VOTUM

INTROIT

“Bless the Lord”

Crouch
Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 89)

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones. For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?

You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

(see insert)

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our short comings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Lamentations 3:21-24

LAW OF GOD

Hebrews 12:1-2

RESPONSIVE READING #4 Psalm 19

(Page 471 Hymnal)

***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink”

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 15:1-6 (Page 9 Old Testament)
Hebrews 11:8-12 (Page 176 New Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #348**

“Faith of Our Fathers”

SERMON

“Faith”

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Taste and See”

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER)

***CLOSING HYMN #378**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
(Our monthly mission offering will be taken during the first verses of this hymn.)

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

“Amen”

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeter: Barbara Araromi

Ushers: Ellie Clark, Matt & Ruth Den Dulk, John Ferris

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship:

Next week's stewards (August 18):

Greeters: John & Sandi Tarrant

Ushers: Ron & Gayle Dellinger, Bill & Sabra Leadbitter

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship: Noriko Hawk & Sabra Leadbitter

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

We are happy to have Doug Sonderfan sharing in the worship service this morning. There is a signup sheet in the narthex for Worship Assistants for the coming several months.

TODAY IS MISSION SUNDAY

The Mission of the Month for August is Reformed Church Colleges and Worship Seminaries.

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are: cereal, sugar, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned milk, jelly, ramen noodles, beef stew, chili, condiments like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot sauce. They could also use laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

The Record We Wrote: July 31, 2013

	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income:	\$15,280	\$119,321
Expense:	\$16,780	\$146,127
Capital Cam:	\$721	\$83,190

Faith – Genesis 15:1-6

Introduction

I. Abraham

A. His life so far

B. His doubts

II. Our World

A. The Church

B. Our Congregation

C. Individuals

III. Response (part 1)

A. God responds to Abraham

B. Abraham responds to God

IV. Response (part 2)

A. God responds to us

B. We respond to God

Conclusion