

FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH

September 19, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Seventeenth
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Partita on LEONI

J. Weber

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Be

J. Townend / C. Dyck

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#16 The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

Em $\frac{B}{D\#}$ Em $\frac{Am}{C}$ B $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ $\frac{E}{B}$ Am D G

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 Your Spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will;
 3 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

B Em D G $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ D7 Em C $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

the an - cient of e - ter - nal days, the God of love!
 in proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

G $\frac{B7}{D\#}$ Em $\frac{G}{B}$ D $\frac{B7}{D\#}$ Em C G $\frac{F\#m7(b5)}{A}$ B

The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven con - fessed,
 Es - tab - lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name;

B $\frac{Em}{G}$ B Em D G $\frac{Am}{C}$ $\frac{E}{B}$ Am Am6 $\frac{Em}{B}$ B7 Em

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea or land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for - e'er the same!

***INVOCATION AND 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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God,
we have promised to trust you
and to follow you in our daily lives.
Like Abraham and Sarah we sometimes find your word
impossible to believe.
When we wander in barren and lifeless places,
we doubt that you are there.
When life becomes too complicated,
we fail to hear your voice above the noise.
When the tasks ahead seem too difficult,
we worry and fret but neglect to call on you.
Forgive us Lord. Help us to rest in the certainty that
you love us and will provide for us.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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.

R. Goodson

FIRST READING

Genesis 17:15-21

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

RESPONSIVE READING

One: Isaac asked his father Abraham,
"Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Many: God himself will provide the lamb

One: God rescued his people from Egypt

Many: They were preserved by the blood of a lamb

One: John the Baptist saw Jesus coming to the Jordan River

Many: Here is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

All: Praise be to Jesus, the lamb of God.

To him be honour, glory and blessing.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#423 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

IN BABILONE

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{Am7}{C}$ $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ Am7 D $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ D7 G

1 Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I shall trust and have no fear.
2 Make God's deeds known to the peo-ple; tell out his ex - alt - ed Name.

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{Am7}{C}$ $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ Am7 D $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ D7 G

For the Lord de-fends and shields me and his sav-ing help is near.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works God's might pro-claim.

Em Dm C $\frac{Bdim}{D}$ $\frac{Am}{E}$ E Am $\frac{Am}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em D Em A Bm $\frac{A7}{C\#}$ D

So re-joyce as you draw wa-ter from sal-va-tion's liv-ing spring;
Zi-on, lift your voice in sing-ing; for with you has come to dwell,

$\frac{G}{B}$ C($\frac{1}{2}$) $\frac{C}{E}$ G Em $\frac{Am7}{C}$ $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ Am D G $\frac{G}{B}$ D D7 G

in the day of your de-liv-'rance thank the Lord; his mer-cies sing.
in your ver-y midst, the great and Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el.

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IN BABILONE
8.7.8.7.D.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#429 If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

NEUMARK

Gm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ D Gm $\frac{Dm}{F}$ Eb Cm6 D Bb Cm

1 If you will trust in God to guide you, and hope in
 2 God will embrace your pain and weep-ing, your help-less
 3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un-swerv-ing; so do your

D $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Cm D Gm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ D Gm $\frac{Dm}{F}$ Eb Cm6

God through all your ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be -
 an - ger and dis - tress. If you are in God's care and
 own part faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word; though un - de -

D Bb Cm D $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Cm D Gm D Gm F

tide you, and bear you through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 keep-ing, in sor-row will God love you less? For Christ, who
 serv-ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. God nev - er

Bb $\frac{Bb}{D}$ Eb F7 Bb F Gm D Eb Cm D Gm

God's un-chang-ing love builds on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross, will bring you safe through ev - ery loss.
 will for-sake in need the soul that trusts in God in - deed.

SECOND READING

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON "God as Tester? Or Provider?"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Prelude on BUNESSAN

N. Palmer

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#78 God of the Ages, History's Maker

BUNESSAN

Unison C

Am Dm G C B

1 God of the a - ges, his - to - ry's Mak - er,
 2 God of this morn - ing, glad - ly your chil - dren
 3 God of to - mor - row, strong o - ver - com - er,
 4 Lord of past a - ges, Lord of this morn - ing,

Am Em Am Em G

plan - ning our path - way, hold - ing us fast,
 wor - ship be - fore you, trust - ing - ly bow:
 princ - es of dark - ness own your com - mand:
 Lord of the fu - ture, help us, we pray:

C/E Am F C/E Am G

shap - ing in mer - cy all that con - cerns us:
 teach us to know you al - ways a - mong us,
 what then can harm us? We are your peo - ple,
 teach us to trust you, love and o - bey you,

C G/B Am G C

Fa - ther, we praise you, Lord of the past.
 qui - et - ly sov - ereign— Lord of our now.
 now and for - ev - er kept by your hand.
 crown you each mo - ment, Lord of to - day.

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Choral Benediction**

O God, Your Constant Care and Love

H. G. Lanier/T. Paris

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

***POSTLUDE**

Finale Jubilante

H. Willan

***Please stand, as you are able.**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

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