

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

The Reading of the Day is from Genesis 15:1-6; 17:1-21. God reassures Abram of His promise to bless the earth through Abram’s offspring. God changes his name from Abram (“exalted father”) to Abraham (“father of many nations”) and institutes circumcision as the sign of His continued covenant with Abraham. Despite Abraham and Sarah’s advanced age, God promises they will have a son of their own. God promised to send a Savior to crush Satan’s power over us. Jesus is the promised Offspring of Eve. He fulfilled this promise and defeated Satan by His work on the cross.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: “Start a Fire” © Unspoken

Verse 1

This world can be cold and bitter Feels like we're in the dead of winter
Waiting on something better But am I really gonna hide forever?
Over and over again I hear Your voice in my head
Let Your light shine, let Your light shine for all to see

Chorus

Start a fire in my soul Fan the flame and make it grow
So there's no doubt or denying Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You, that it's You that we need to start a fire in me

Verse 2

You only need a spark to start a whole blaze It only takes a little faith
Let it start right here in this city So these old walls will never be the same
Over and over again I hear Your voice in my head
They need to know I need to go
Spirit won't you fall on my heart now

Chorus

Start a fire in my soul Fan the flame and make it grow
So there's no doubt or denying Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You, that it's You that we need to start a fire in me

You are the fire You are the flame You are the light on the darkest day
We have the hope, we bear Your name

We carry the news that You have come to save Only You can save

Chorus

Start a fire in my soul Fan the flame and make it grow
So there's no doubt or denying Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You, that it's You that we need to start a fire in me

You are the fire You are the flame You are the light on the darkest day
Yeah, start a fire in me

WELCOME | ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pastor: We come humbly before You, O Lord, recognizing that we have not always responded to Your grace in faithfulness and obedience. Often, we feel we deserve more or better, forgetting and rejecting Your Word and Your works of salvation.

People: **At times, we are lured by the world’s deceptions, consumed by greed, passion, and desire. We fail to be thoroughly grounded in Your Word. Forgive us, dear Lord, for rejoicing in the temporal treasures on earth instead of the eternal treasures of heaven.**

Pastor: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

People: **Forgive my impatience and my neglect. By Your Spirit, lead me to greater faith, obedience, service, and repentance until Your call to eternal glory comes. Amen.**

Pastor: Our Lord invites us to come and see what He has done—He has given us solid promises that guard our faith in days of sorrow, suffering, confusion, conflict, and pain. He has sent His Son to be the Word of life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and through the work of our Savior Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

PRAISE SONG: Way Maker Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

Verse 1
You are here moving in our midst I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place I worship You I worship You

Chorus
You are Way Maker Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper Light in the darkness my God that is who You are
You are Way Maker Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Verse 2
You are here turning lives around I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart I worship You I worship You Lord

Chorus
Way Maker Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper Light in the darkness my God that is who You are
Way Maker Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Tag
That is who You are That is who You are
That is who You are That is who You are

Bridge
Even when I don't see it You're working Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working You never stop You never stop working
(Repeat 2 times)

Chorus
Way Maker Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper Light in the darkness my God that is who You are
Way Maker Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Tag
That is who You are That is who You are
That is who You are That is who You are

That is who You are

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Pastor: Let us pray together.
All: Lord Jesus, when we are weak, You are strong. Our sin overwhelms us, but Your love is stronger. We fail over and over again, falling into temptation. You died once for all, rising in victory. Give us faith to trust that Your grace is sufficient and that Your power is made perfect in weakness; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Reading of the Day: Genesis 15:1-6; 17:1-21

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness. When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.” Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.” Then God said to Abraham, “As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.” God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.” Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, “Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?” And Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!” Then God said, “Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year.”

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

APOSTLES’ CREED

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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERING SONG: Leaning Brian Elmquist | Jacob Sooter | Lizzie Morgan | Matt Maher
Verse 1

Let my yes be yes to You oh Lord
Let my no be no to things of this world
If I rise or fall if I stand at all
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Chorus
What a fellowship what a joy divine What a priceless gift
God I'm Yours and You are mine
Let my restless soul be still and know
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Verse 2
From the morning sun and mercies new
To the evening stars every promise is true
As I walk this world I'm held by You
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Chorus
What a fellowship what a joy divine What a priceless gift
God I'm Yours and You are mine
Let my restless soul be still and know
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Bridge

The more I'm leaning the more I'm finding
Feels less like dying
More like living for Heaven on Earth

Bridge

The more I'm leaning the more I'm finding
Feels less like dying
More like living for Heaven on Earth

Bridge

The more I'm leaning the more I'm finding
Feels less like dying
More like living for Heaven on Earth

Chorus

What a fellowship what a joy divine What a priceless gift
God I'm Yours and You are mine
Let my restless soul be still and know
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Ending

I am leaning on Your everlasting arms CCLI Song # 7192530

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE 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 forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours) Bryan Fowler | Jacob Sooter | Matt Maher
CCLI Song # 7200544

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

Bridge

It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours The kingdom the power
The glory are Yours It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours
Forever and ever The kingdom is Yours
(Repeat Bridge)

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Ending

On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

SEND OFF

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All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!

