



## **Welcome to Worship and Prayer**

Rev. David Fleming

### **“In Christ Alone”**

Lowella Cherry, piano

Mary Tom Taylor and David Fleming

### **Children's Time**

Karla Hefty

## **Scripture Reading – Genesis 22:1-14**

Jeanne Dean

*After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 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.”*

*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. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. 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.” 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. 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?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide*

*the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together. 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. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.*

*But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 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.” 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. 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.”*

## **Sermon – “This is a Test, This is Only a Test....”**

Rev. Fleming

### **“The Old Rugged Cross”**

Lowella Cherry, piano



### **Please Register Your Attendance**

Please use the following link to let us know you were watching:

<http://tiny.cc/gx39nz>. Prayer requests, questions, and comments may also be communicated confidentially using this form.

### **Read Our Newsletter**

The latest edition of “Grand AveNews” for July 2020 (including a COVID-19 Update) is available online here: <https://tinyurl.com/ybxs5ms2>.

### **Ways to Give**

Your continued support means that we remain spiritually connected even during this time of social distancing. We are offering opportunities for worship and study online as well as cooked meals and groceries for those in need. You may give in any of the following ways:

- Online at [gaumch.org](http://gaumch.org). Click on “\$ Support Our Ministry” or use the following link: <http://tiny.cc/ya39nz>
- By mail, sending your check to 841 Quapaw Ave. / Hot Springs, AR 71901
- By bringing a donation of money or food to the church office (841 Quapaw Ave.) on Tuesday or Friday between 8:00 a.m. and noon.
- By placing non-perishable food items in our “Blessing Box”

## Upper Room Devotional Guides

“The Upper Room” devotional guide for July-August 2020 has arrived. Beginning this week, Pastor David will be making visits to the front porches of those who would like to receive Holy Communion and a copy of the new edition. If you would like to sit on your carport, patio, or porch at a safe social distance and share in receiving the sealed pre-packaged communion elements that we have acquired especially for this season, send a request by email to [grand.avenue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grand.avenue@sbcglobal.net), or call the church office at 501-623-5626. Copies will also be available at our “drive through” service of Holy Communion on Sunday, July 5 from 11:00-Noon.

## Join Others in a Time of Devotion and Prayer

Pastor David and others are leading small groups for devotion and prayer based on the Wednesday reading in “The Upper Room” devotional guide each week. Some groups are meeting online using “Zoom.” Others are meeting by conference call. If you are interested in being part of a group, send email to Pastor David at [fleming.umc@gmail.com](mailto:fleming.umc@gmail.com). He will help you connect.

## The Road to Re-Entry

We have opened our church building to small gatherings (10 adults or fewer). The documents below provide a handy reference for the group leaders to follow when meeting inside the church building.

- Building Policies – <https://tinyurl.com/y7o7jra2>
- Procedures for Gatherings – <https://tinyurl.com/y89zz5zk>

## **Strivers and Victory Sunday School Class Available Online**

Each week the teachers of the Strivers and Victory Sunday School classes are pre-recording lessons using the “Adult Bible Studies.” An introduction to the lesson “Forever Love” from our publisher may be viewed using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y9gjsu6k> This week’s lesson by Don Harris can be found here: [https://youtu.be/BBbCY\\_ycZjk](https://youtu.be/BBbCY_ycZjk).

## **Join Us in Reading Through the Gospel of Luke**

Links to daily readings with brief notes and questions for your consideration will be posted each morning on our Facebook page. Join us as you post your own questions, thoughts, and responses. A printable reading plan is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/ycwm24z6>. Follow along on our Facebook page here: <https://tinyurl.com/y7wpenp2>

## **Face Masks Available**

During these days of social distancing, Amy Daniel’s sewing machine has been humming. She decided to replace watching the news and fretting about the isolation with the creation of protective masks. Amy says that she felt a calling from God to reach out to help others, and she is donating masks for no charge. This is a work of love for her. Our Table of Grace volunteers have each received a mask as have other members of the congregation. If you would like to receive a mask, call the church office, 501-623-5626 or send email to [grand.avenue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grand.avenue@sbcglobal.net).

## **Parking Lot Maintenance**

During the past few weeks, our parking lot has received new sealant and stripes. If you see a Trustee, please thank them for the work they are doing to care for and improve our while we are away.

