

WEST BERLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1876

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GATHERING TIME (10:15 – 10:30 AM) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6145951009>

Dial 929 436 2866 or 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 614 595 1009

WELCOME & PRELUDE God is Good. **All the time.** & All the time. **God is good.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: All who are righteous, shout with joy to our God! **P: Let us sing a new song!**

L: Praise God and give thanks, with organs, with guitars, with all kinds of instruments!

P: Play your best with joy!

L: Because our Creator's word is right, and everything God does is done for our good.

P: Let your faithful love surround us, O God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick, says Jesus. Let us confess the afflictions that separate us from God's love so that we can receive the care of the ultimate physician.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of calling, you called Abraham and Matthew and gave them the strength they needed to follow you. You also called a people and cared for and nurtured that people so that they could live life in your abundance. You also call us, but sometimes we prefer to close our eyes and cover our ears, turning our backs to your will. Forgive us, O God, and grant us the confidence and the hope that we need to follow when you call. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus was delivered to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

No. 9

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-9

The Call of Abram

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

YOUTH MESSAGE The Invisible Gift

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING Romans 4:13-25 God's Promise Realized through Faith

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON "A Legacy of Stepping Out, Abraham to West Berlin"

HYMN "Faith of Our Fathers" No. 639 (See attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS & CONCERNS – PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING –DOXOLOGY-PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN "Trust and Obey" No. 437 (See attached)

CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you joy, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see his face, feel his grace forever.

May the Lord mighty God bless and keep you forever.

Faith of Our Fathers

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Contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. Jude 3

1. Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still In spite of dun - geon,
2. Our fa - thers, chained in pris - ons dark, Were still in heart and
3. Faith of our fa - thers! we will strive To win all na - tions
4. Faith of our fa - thers! we will love Both friend and foe in

fire, and sword! O how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free. How sweet would be their chil - dren's fate
un - to thee, And thro' the truth that comes from God,
all our strife, And preach thee, too, as love knows how,

Refrain
When-e'er we hear that glo - rious word!
If they, like them, could die for thee!
Man - kind shall then be tru - ly free. Faith of our fa - thers!
By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life.

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death!

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber, 1849
MUSIC: Henri F. Hemy, 1864; arr. by James G. Walton, 1874

ST. CATHERINE
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Trust and Obey

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Now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. Ephesians 5:8

1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word, What a
 2. Not a shadow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His
 3. Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we share, But our
 4. But we never can prove The delights of His love Un - til
 5. Then in fellowship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll

glo - ry He sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He a -
 smile quick-ly drives it a - way. Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a
 toil He doth rich-ly re - pay. Not a grief nor a loss, Not a
 all on the al - tar we lay; For the fa - vor He shows And the
 walk by His side in the way. What He says we will do; Where He

Refrain

bides with us still, And with all who will trust and o - bey.
 sigh nor a tear Can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.
 frown nor a cross But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey,
 joy He be - stows Are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 sends we will go; Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

For there's no oth - er way To be hap - py in Je - sus But to trust and o - bey.

WORDS: John H. Sammis, 1887
 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1887

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