

# Faith United Methodist Church

August 9, 2020



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Welcome & Opening Prayer

### Hymn

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah  
Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.*

#127

*Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.*

### Scripture Reading

Genesis 23

23<sup>1-2</sup> Sarah lived 127 years. Sarah died in Kiriath Arba, present-day Hebron, in the land of Canaan. Abraham mourned for Sarah and wept.

3-4 Then Abraham got up from mourning his dead wife and spoke to the Hittites: "I know I'm only an outsider here among you, but sell me a burial plot so that I can bury my dead decently."

5-6 The Hittites responded, "Why, you're no mere outsider here with us, you're a prince of God! Bury your dead wife in the best of our burial sites. None of us will refuse you a place for burial."

7-9 Then Abraham got up, bowed respectfully to the people of the land, the Hittites, and said, "If you're serious about helping me give my wife a proper burial, intercede for me with Ephron son of Zohar. Ask him to sell me the cave of Machpelah that he owns, the one at the end of his land. Ask him to sell it to me at its full price for a burial plot, with you as witnesses."

10-11 Ephron was part of the local Hittite community. Then Ephron the Hittite spoke up, answering Abraham with all the Hittites who were part of the town council listening: "Oh no, my

master! I couldn't do that. The field is yours—a gift. I'll give it and the cave to you. With my people as witnesses, I give it to you. Bury your deceased wife."

<sup>12-13</sup> Abraham bowed respectfully before the assembled council and answered Ephron: "Please allow me—I want to pay the price of the land; take my money so that I can go ahead and bury my wife."

<sup>14-15</sup> Then Ephron answered Abraham, "If you insist, master. What's four hundred silver shekels between us? Now go ahead and bury your wife."

<sup>16</sup> Abraham accepted Ephron's offer and paid out the sum that Ephron had named before the town council of Hittites—four hundred silver shekels at the current exchange rate.

<sup>17-20</sup> That's how Ephron's field next to Mamre—the field, its cave, and all the trees within its borders—became Abraham's property. The town council of Hittites witnessed the transaction. Abraham then proceeded to bury his wife Sarah in the cave in the field of Machpelah that is next to Mamre, present-day Hebron, in the land of Canaan. The field and its cave went from the Hittites into Abraham's possession as a burial plot.

Hymn

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy  
There's a wideness in God's Mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.*

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Scripture Reading

Genesis 25:1-11

<sup>25</sup> <sup>1-2</sup> Abraham married a second time; his new wife was named Keturah. She gave birth to Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.

<sup>3</sup> Jokshan had Sheba and Dedan.

Dedan's descendants were the Asshurim, the Letushim, and the Leummim.

<sup>4</sup> Midian had Ephah, Ephher, Hanoah, Abida, and Eldaah—all from the line of Keturah.

5-6 But Abraham gave everything he possessed to Isaac. While he was still living, he gave gifts to the sons he had by his concubines, but then sent them away to the country of the east, putting a good distance between them and his son Isaac.

7-11 Abraham lived 175 years. Then he took his final breath. He died happy at a ripe old age, full of years, and was buried with his family. His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hittite, next to Mamre. It was the field that Abraham had bought from the Hittites. Abraham was buried next to his wife Sarah. After Abraham's death, God blessed his son Isaac. Isaac lived at Beer Lahai Roi.

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

**Response: Thanks Be to God. Amen.**

Children's Time

Special Music

*Pass*

Witness

*What's Next*

Response to the Word –

Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light to be the body of Christ in the World.

**Now with the Holy Spirit may we live our faith as we tell our story.**

Prayers for the World & the Gifts of the Community

Hymn

*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Though  
He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

#128

*Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
by his own hand he leadeth me;  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.*

Benediction

## Prayer List

Margaret Arceneaux  
Paul Arceneaux, Jr.  
Sidney Arceneaux  
Kim Craigen Ard  
Lucian Adams  
Dolores Anderson  
Natalie Avery  
Johnny & Ovelia Battaglio  
*Family of Shirley Battaglio*  
Linda Bergen  
Robert & Alicia Besser  
Lloyd Betar  
Mary Bevil  
Bonnie Blankenship  
Donna Suppa Bolton  
Jo Bordeaux  
Pat Borel  
Glenda Brooks  
Jean Brooks  
Ann Campbell  
Norma Campbell  
Robert & Roxie Castilaw  
Jared Castolenia  
Tana Champeau  
Rebecca Chance  
Billie Cherry  
Kim Wilber Conn  
Derick Cooper  
Kyle & Beth Craigen  
Dakota Crutchfield  
Jimmy & Emily Davis

Paula Davis  
Bobbie Dean  
Mary Delafosse  
Tammy Dufour  
*Family of Lane Duhe*  
Julie Duplichan  
Joe Floyd  
Lorene Green  
Rachel Grimmett  
Connie Hebert  
MaryJo Hebert  
Christie Hale  
Edna & Raymond Jones  
Alice Kethley  
*Family of Shirley Kethley*  
Kristie Key  
Clyde Landry  
Gail Lauve  
Christi Leblanc  
*Family of Jim Leblanc*  
Fred Ledesma  
Alice & Louis Loftin  
Orianna Marchand  
Matt Markos  
Barbara Martin  
Lloyd Martin  
Linda Meyers  
Maribeth Moore  
Jimmy Mott  
Ron & Michelle Mueller  
Joyce Murphy

Arnold Northcut  
Kelly Simmons Owens  
Jim Padgett  
John & Candance Perkins  
Melva Phillips  
Harlan Phipps  
Alfred Pierson  
Mercedes Pierson  
Justin Plake  
John Pool  
Kenny Puckett  
Buddy Renkema  
Nikki Castilaw Rice  
Edward Rivet  
Randy & Darlene Rivett  
Betty Romero  
Ezekiel Romero  
Joann Savelle  
Jim & Loretta Shearer  
Brooke Simon  
Harriet Simpson  
James Sowell  
Kim Streed  
Bob Taylor  
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*Family of June Waits*  
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We are called to be:

**Transformed** by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

**Engaged** with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

**Celebrate**, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

**Share** the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

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