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**Magnolia Presbyterian Church**  
*Sermon Series: Reality TV*  
*God Chooses an Imperfect Family*

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**WE GATHER**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**▲PRAISE SONG**

"Our God"

▲ Please rise in body or spirit.  
in unison.

***Bold Italic text is read***

## ▲CALL TO WORSHIP

As Abraham and Sarah welcomed divine visitors with gracious hospitality and a rich feast,

***may we welcome God with open hearts, ready to feast on God's word.***

Here, in this place, it is the Lord who offers bread that satisfies and waters that refresh.

***We come with open hands, ready to receive God's grace.*** ~~GTG Online Hymnal

## OPENING HYMN #54

"Make a Joyful Noise to God"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*...and now praying together...*

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

## ▲PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you!***

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## HYMN #655

"What Shall I Render to the Lord?"

## TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

## SCRIPTURE LESSON, Part 1

Genesis 18:1-15 Common English Bible  
This is the word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

## SCRIPTURE LESSON, Part 2

Genesis 21:1-7 Common English Bible  
This is the word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## SERMON

"Reality TV: God Chooses an Imperfect Family"

*Rev. Claire Schlegel*

**TO RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING**

**THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**▲DOXOLOGY**

**PASTORAL PRAYER and 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 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.*

**TO BE SENT WITH BLESSING**

**▲CLOSING SONG #80**

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

**▲BENEDICTION**

**▲CLOSER**

"The Blessing"

**▲POSTLUDE**

*~~~~~End of Worship...Beginning of Service~~~~~*

## **Scripture Readings**

### **Genesis 18:1-15**

### **Common English Bible (CEB)**

**18** The LORD appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he sat at the entrance of his tent in the day's heat. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and suddenly saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from his tent entrance to greet them and bowed deeply. <sup>3</sup> He said, "Sirs, if you would be so kind, don't just pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought so you may wash your feet and refresh yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me offer you a little bread so you will feel stronger, and after that you may leave your servant and go on your way—since you have visited your servant."

They responded, "Fine. Do just as you have said."

<sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried to Sarah at his tent and said, "Hurry! Knead three seahs of the finest flour and make some baked goods!" <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the cattle, took a healthy young calf, and gave it to a young servant, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup> Then Abraham took butter, milk, and the calf that had been prepared, put the food in front of them, and stood under the tree near them as they ate.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where's your wife Sarah?"

And he said, "Right here in the tent."

<sup>10</sup> Then one of the men said, "I will definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!"

Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were both very old. Sarah was no longer menstruating. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, thinking, I'm no longer able to have children and my husband's old.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Me give birth? At my age?' <sup>14</sup> Is anything too difficult for the LORD? When I return to you about this time next year, Sarah will have a son."

<sup>15</sup> Sarah lied and said, "I didn't laugh," because she was frightened.

### **Genesis 21:1-7**

### **Common English Bible (CEB)**

**21** The LORD was attentive to Sarah just as he had said, and the LORD carried out just what he had promised her. <sup>2</sup> She became pregnant and gave birth to a son for Abraham when he was old, at the very time God had told him. <sup>3</sup> Abraham named his son—the one Sarah bore him—Isaac. <sup>4</sup> Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old just as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup> Abraham was 100 years old when his son Isaac was born. <sup>6</sup> Sarah said, "God has given me laughter. Everyone who hears about it will laugh with me." <sup>7</sup> She said, "Who could have told Abraham that Sarah would nurse sons? But now I've given birth to a son when he was old!"