



Prelude “Sent Forth by God's Blessing” Traditional Welsh melody, arr. Dale Wood,
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Welcome

Opening Words

Worship in a Flash (adapted)

One: Come on a journey, a journey of faith! Leave what is familiar.
Many: **See where God will lead.**
One: Put your trust in God, who is our help. Worship the Creator of heaven and earth.
Many: **See where God will lead.**

Opening Hymn NCH #24: “The God of Abraham Praise”

Prayer of Invocation

Worship in a Flash

God of promise, we come as your people, rejoicing in the abundance of your love. Give us faith to answer your call. Strengthen us to hope against hope. Guide us into a deep and abiding trust. Lead us on a journey toward wholeness, that we may become your holy people, faithfully doing your will. Amen

Opening Response Binder #6: “There's a Spirit of Love in This Place”

Children's Time

The Witness of Music “The Promised Land” Miss M. Durham, ed. Lawrence Bennett,
from *The Western Wind Songbook*. Copyright 1988, Malcolm Music, Ltd., Shawnee Press, Inc.
Singers: Shari Kelts - treble, Jim McKee - bass, Susan Clauss - tenor

Reading:

Genesis 12:1-4

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. 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. 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.’

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.

For the wisdom contained in these holy words, we give thanks. Amen

Sermon Rev. Al Schon

Hymn Binder #83: "To Abraham and Sarah"

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion

Hymn NCH # 340: "We Are People on a Journey"

**Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking
that our eyes might be opened,
that we might recognize the risen Christ
in our midst, indeed, in one another.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love
by bringing us to this meal.
We go from here renewed in faith,
renewed in courage,
and strengthened by your presence.
Thank you for loving us so tenderly.
Thank you for challenging us
to know you better and to receive you more fully. Amen**

How shall we join God's work in the world?

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

One: Let us, the members and friends of Peace United Church of Christ,
express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry.

Many: We welcome you with joy

**in the common life of this church.
We covenant with you to equip one another
for the work to which we feel called:
striving for peace and justice among all people,
protecting and restoring the integrity
of all God's creation,
and bringing hope to those most vulnerable.**

Prayer for Doing God's Work in the World

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we bring to join you in your work in the world.

Closing Hymn Binder #84: "One More Step Along the World I Go"

Benediction

Postlude "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" Holy Manna from Southern Harmony,
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