

Genesis 22:1-14

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."



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**PRELUDE
and
CANDLE LIGHTING**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We came from all places and all peoples to gather here today.

PEOPLE: Some of us traveled across the ice, others came later in boats, still others of us waded rivers or arrived in planes.

Leader: We found a land blessed.

PEOPLE: Blessed with mountains and valleys, rivers and oceans, fertile earth, wonderful woods, and promising cities.

Leader: Here, A dream was born.

PEOPLE: A dream of freedom from all oppression, A dream of hope for our children, A dream of people in community under God.

Leader: And so the dream continues...

PEOPLE: And so the dream of America continues... God, help us to do your work until your dreams come true...

Leader: Let us celebrate Independence Day as we come together in prayer:

ALL: Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.

Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN:** *"Faith of Our Fathers"* #710 UMH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE: *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*
#2193 TFWS

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY-** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings"* #95 UMH

ANTHEM

HYMN

SCRIPTURE READING- Genesis 22:1-14

***HYMN –** *"This Is My Song"* #437 UMH

SERMON – *"Chaotic Rites of Passage"*

***HYMN –** *"Come, Share the Lord"* #2269 TFWS

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE– *"In His Time"* #2203 TFWS

PASSING THE PEACE

Hymns can be found in the *TFWS – The Faith We Sing* and
UMH- United Methodist Hymnal

***Please stand as you are able.**

*If you are visiting our church service today, we want you to
know that we are glad you are here!*

*We invite **everyone** to join us down stairs after worship for a
time of fellowship.*