



### ***Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: the Dawn of a Covenant***

#### The Man of Faith and of Grace Dispelling the Darkness

Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."  
John 8:56-58

"This dark introduction profiles God's grace that will follow... Terah is steeped in pagan idolatry. One of his sons dies, leaving two orphans; another is married to an infertile wife, and Terah himself will die having settled for a land short of Abraham's heavenly vision. Against this hopelessness, God's sovereign call of Abraham offers bright hope. Indeed Sarah's sterility emphasizes the fact that God's grace is beyond human imagination. She will bear children not by natural generation but by supernatural life that faith engenders. Through this childless couple, God will bring into being a new humanity that is born not of the will of a husband but by the will of God." -Dr. Bruce Waltke

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12

## Order of Worship

### Welcome & Update

#### Prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

#### Call to Worship: from Psalm 107

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

**All: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.**

### Songs of Praise

#### **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer

Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful?  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

#### **All I Have is Christ**

I once was lost in darkest night

Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life

Had led me to the grave

I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross

And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life (x2)

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me

Oh Father, use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You

### Prayer for the World, the Church & the City

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### Confession

**Gracious God and heavenly Father, you have loved us with an unfailing love, but we have not loved you with our whole heart. Though you have called us to be steadfast in faith, we remain enticed by our many sins, forgetting the new life that your Son purchased for us at the cross. We remain slow in obedience, fickle in prayer, and consumed by our sinful desires. Our deeds and attitudes do not reflect the gospel that we claim to believe. Change us O Lord, by Your Spirit making us more like Jesus so that we may desire and live out faith and obedience instead. Help us to live as the people you have called us to be. It's in the mighty name of Jesus that we pray. Amen.**

#### Private Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 28:6-9

Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The LORD is the strength of his people, he is the saving refuge for his anointed. Oh save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

## Song of Assurance

### **My Jesus, I Love Thee**

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, and I'll love Thee in death,  
I'll praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright;  
And sing with the glittering crown on my brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

## Tithes and Offerings: Care Team

### Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### Scripture - Genesis 11:27-12:9

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

### God's Word Today- Mike Hsu

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### Sermon Outline

1. The Story of Terah and His Love of SIN
2. The Story of Abram and His Love of God
3. Abram as the Man of Faith but also Slow to Believe
4. Abram's Faith Pointing Us to the Perfect Man of Faith

**Application Questions:** How do you need to renew your faith in Jesus today?  
And what is that next step of faith in your journey you are needing to take?

### The Lord's Supper

### The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

### **People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto you, O Lord, our Father Almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name; evermore praising You and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

### Words of Institution and Declaration of Faith

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

## Song of Thanksgiving

### **Great are You Lord**

You give life, You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore  
Every heart that is broken  
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

All the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
Great are You, Lord

### **Benediction: 2 Cor 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### Peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all

**People: And also with you**

## Announcements

1. Zoom Prayer Meeting every Thursday 7 to 7:45 pm. Zoom link is in Friday Notes & reminder sent on Thursday afternoon
2. Prayer requests. Please send to [mail@gracevancouver.com](mailto:mail@gracevancouver.com)
3. Allison Carter's Celebration of Life- January 18 @ 12pm
4. Neighbourhood Family Drop-In- Saturday, January 25 @ 9-11am
5. Foundations & Membership- Jan 24 & Jan 25/Jan 31 & Feb 1 Sign-up sheet on back table.

## Tithes up to December 31, 2024

Yearly Budget	\$250,000
Budget Year to Date	\$250,000 (as of Dec 31, 2024)
Actual Giving Year to Date	\$282,873 (as of Dec 31, 2024)
Actual Giving Last Week	\$3,051

credit card and other options such as e-transfers are available via [mail@gracevancouver.com](mailto:mail@gracevancouver.com)

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