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“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ “You Deserve the Glory”

Welcome

****Opening Hymn~ “Come Thou Fount” - #400 - UMH***

Opening Prayer

****Offering***

***Doxology~ “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”~#650
AAHH***

Introduction to the Speaker

***Prayer of Illumination: Comforting God, by your Holy Spirit,
lift the burdens from our souls through the reading of your
Word for us, that we may learn how easy it is to live in a
loving relationship with you. In Christ, we pray, Amen.***

****The Scripture Readings***

***First Reading: Genesis: 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67: So he said, “I
am Abraham’s servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my
master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks
and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and
donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master
when she was old, and he has given him all that he has. My
master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for
my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I***

Mark your Calendar

***VBS, August 8th from 8 am to 4 pm. Theme: Shine Brightly
with Jesus. For more information, contact Sis. Kim Courtney.
Also, if you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Sis.
Sheila Milburn, ASAP to complete your Safe Sanctuary
training.***

***Homecoming, August 24th. Please contact Sis. Judy to join the
planning team.***

***Announcements? If you have an announcement or prayer
request, please email it to zionlexpk@gmail.com by Wednesday.***

***Ready to Join Zion? Please text 301-997-3328. Pastor
Cummings will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the
membership vows and schedule a Sunday to join Zion.***

Proclamation~ Rev. Enger Muteteke

***Affirmation of Faith:** (881 UMH): *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (*universal)*

***Confession/Pardon/ The Peace~** Pg. 8

Thanksgiving & Holy Communion~ Pgs. 9-11

Post Communion Prayer: *Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Announcements

***Benediction**

live, but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' "I came today to the spring and said, 'O LORD, God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of

the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man, and the servant took Rebekah and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field, and, looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel and said to the servant, “Who is

the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

*The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

****Psalm~** see insert*

****Second Reading:** Romans: 7:15-25: I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

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***Song of Preparation~** “God Said I Got This”*

****Gospel Reading:** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30: “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute*

for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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