



**AUGUST 31, 2025**

*Abraham - A Journey of Faith*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude  
Welcome  
Commissioning of Christian Education Volunteers  
Moment of Preparation – *Take My Life and Let it Be*

**WE PRAISE & THANK GOD**

Call to Worship  
*Come Praise and Glorify*  
Responsive Confession of Sin  
Affirmation of Forgiveness  
*#2 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Offertory – *Goodness of God*  
Prayers of the People

Linda Pittounicos & Les Zan  
Paul Reader

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

*#431 He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*  
Scripture Reading  
Hebrews 11:13-16  
Message

Steve Krauchick

Rev. Keith Fink

**Faith in the Face of Death**  
Genesis 23:1-20

**WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD**

*King of Kings*  
Benediction  
Postlude

## **Responsive Confession of Sin**

Leader: Lord, we cry to You to heal our wounds.

**People: We call to You in distress and plead for Your salvation.**

Leader: We have sinned against Your law and failed to do Your will;

**People: We confess that we've disobeyed Your holy Word.**

Leader: We pray, purge our lives of selfishness and our hearts of bitterness.

**People: Lead us back to righteousness; save us through Jesus Christ.**

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**Question:** Do you ever feel like a stranger in a strange land? Does your heart long for a homeland that you can't quite touch or even see?

**I. The Problem – vs. 1-6**

**II. The Proposal – vs. 7-16**

**III. The Possession – vs. 17-20** (17:8, Dt. 32:48-49, Josh. 22:4, Ps. 2:7-8, Ob. 15,17,21)

*“To your offspring I will give this land” – (God promises Abram in 12:7)*

*“all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever” – (God promises Abram in 13:15)*

*“to your offspring I will give this land” – (God promises Abram in 15:18)*

*“I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God” 17:8*

(Speaking of Abraham) *“he was looking forward to the city that has foundations whose designer and builder is God.”* Heb. 11:10

(Speaking of those who speak like Abraham): *“People who say such things show they are looking for a country of their own...They were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.”* Heb. 11:14,16b

*“We wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells”* 2 Pet. 3:13

*“Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”* Rev. 21:3b-4

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**Point to Ponder:** How much do we look at our life knowing that it is part of a much greater story?

**Next Week:** we will continue our sermon series *Abraham – A Journey of Faith* by considering portions of **Genesis 24:1-67** “Faith and Providence in Life.”

