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Alleluia and Amen!**   \* Hymn The Lord is God – GtG#63   Prayer of Confession **Generous God, you offer us a life, a covenant of love, to be shared with you and one another. Yet, we have often failed to live into our part of the promise. Instead of trusting you with joy and laughter, even a bit of skepticism, we choose to not believe at all. We doubt your capacity to do the impossible, we even doubt ourselves in being able to be faithful participants in your covenant. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us to the people you have called us to be; a people of love for You and for one another, grounded in your promises daily. Amen.**   Silent Prayers of Confession   Words of Assurance (responsive) Leader: When we confess to God in sincerity and authentically offer our hearts, God responds with love and mercy. **People: Thanks be to God, who continues to renew and forgive us when we come in prayer. Amen.**   The Peace Leader: The peace of Christ be with you! **People: And also with you!** (You may greet those around you)   The Proclamation of the Word   Prayer of Illumination   Generous God, as words are spoken, help us to hear in a new way. Show us tangibly what these words mean and how we can best serve you by following them. Guide us and help us to lean into the Word. Amen.   Scripture Lesson   **Genesis 17:1-22** **17**When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. **2**And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” **3**Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, **4**“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. **5**No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. **6**I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. **7**I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. **8**And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.” **9**God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. **10**This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. **11**You shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. **12**Throughout your generations every male among you shall be circumcised when he is eight days old, including the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring. **13**Both the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money must be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. **14**Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.” **15**God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. **16**I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” **17**Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, “Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” **18**And Abraham said to God, “O that Ishmael might live in your sight!” **19**God said, “No, but your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. **20**As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. **21**But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year.” **22**And when he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.   Sermon The Covenant Rooted in Laughter   The Response to the Word   \* Hymn The God of Abraham Praise – GtG#49      Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer  “For this I pray to God” / “For this I give thanks to God.” Congregational Response: “**Hear our prayer, O God.”**    And now, in confidence and in gratitude, we say the prayer together that Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, taught us to pray…  **Our Father,** **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven and 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 thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**     Offertory Prayer     Hymn Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing – GtG#546   Charge & Benediction Leader: Let our lives be an act of praise, **People: To the One who keeps his covenant always.** Leader: May we accept with laughter, with joy, **People: The ways in which God is moving here today.** Leader: For every day You are turning the impossible into hopeful, joyful, and loving possibilities. **People: Let our life be a reflection of the love you have shown us. Amen.** | | |