

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



June 21, 2020

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

June 21, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Source- *The Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

Gladden the souls of your servants, O God!

**To you, O LORD, we lift up our hearts.**

The LORD is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

**Listen to our cries, O God, and answer.**

God is great and does wondrous things,

**So we come to worship and bow down before you, O LORD.**

Let us glorify God's name together.

Prayer of Invocation

\*The Peace of Christ

Leader: ...The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

\*Opening Hymn

"The God of Abraham Praise"

*See Insert*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession (Source- *The Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

**God who creates the future, you call us to follow you, yet we confess we prefer to remain where we are. You offer us new beginnings, yet we continue to make the same familiar choices. You invite us into the fullness of life, yet we distance ourselves from you and each other through fear and doubt. Forgive us, O God. Cleanse from us every unworthy thought, word and deed with the grace of Christ our Lord.**

**Rouse us by the Spirit to be intentional, courageous disciples even when the world does not welcome us or the word we proclaim in Jesus' name.**

*Silence is observed*

Assurance of Pardon (*Responsive*) (Source- *The Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

In Christ, we are made a new creation; the old life is gone, and the new life has come! Know that God loves you and forgives you.

**Amen!**

***And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace;  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice, and joy.***

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture

Genesis 21:1-21

(Common English Bible)

**21** The Lord was attentive to Sarah just as he had said, and the Lord carried out just what he had promised her. **2** She became pregnant and gave birth to a son for Abraham when he was old, at the very time God had told him. **3** Abraham named his son—the one Sarah bore him—Isaac.<sup>[a]</sup> **4** Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old just as God had commanded him. **5** Abraham was 100 years old when his son Isaac was born. **6** Sarah said, “God has given me laughter. Everyone who hears about it will laugh with me.”<sup>[b]</sup> **7** She said, “Who could have told Abraham that Sarah would nurse sons? But now I’ve given birth to a son when he was old!” **8** The boy grew and stopped nursing. On the day he stopped nursing, Abraham prepared a huge banquet. **9** Sarah saw Hagar’s son laughing, the one Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham. **10** So she said to Abraham, “Send this servant away with her son! This servant’s son won’t share the inheritance with my son Isaac.” **11** This upset Abraham terribly because the boy was his son. **12** God said to Abraham, “Don’t be upset about the boy and your servant. Do everything Sarah tells you to do because your descendants will be traced through Isaac. **13** But I will make of your servant’s son a great nation too, because he is also your descendant.” **14** Abraham got up early in the morning, took some bread and a flask of water, and gave it to Hagar. He put the boy in her shoulder sling and sent her away. She left and wandered through the desert near Beer-sheba. **15** Finally the water in the flask ran out, and she put the boy down under one of the desert shrubs. **16** She walked away from him about as far as a bow shot and sat down, telling herself, I can’t bear to see the boy die. She sat at a distance, cried out in grief, and wept. **17** God heard the boy’s cries, and God’s messenger called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “Hagar! What’s wrong? Don’t be afraid. God has heard the boy’s cries over there. **18** Get up, pick up the boy, and take him by the hand because I will make of him a great nation.” **19** Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. She went over, filled the water flask, and gave the boy a drink. **20** God remained with the boy; he grew up, lived in the desert, and became an expert archer. **21** He lived in the Paran desert, and his mother found him an Egyptian wife.

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 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 and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.**

### \*Affirmation of Faith

#### \*The Apostles' Creed

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

### \*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

### \*Closing Hymn

"To Abraham and Sarah"

See Insert

### \*Charge and Benediction

\*Please rise in body or spirit  
**Bold:** Congregation Speaks



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

**Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39**

Daily Readings for June 21 -27 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>

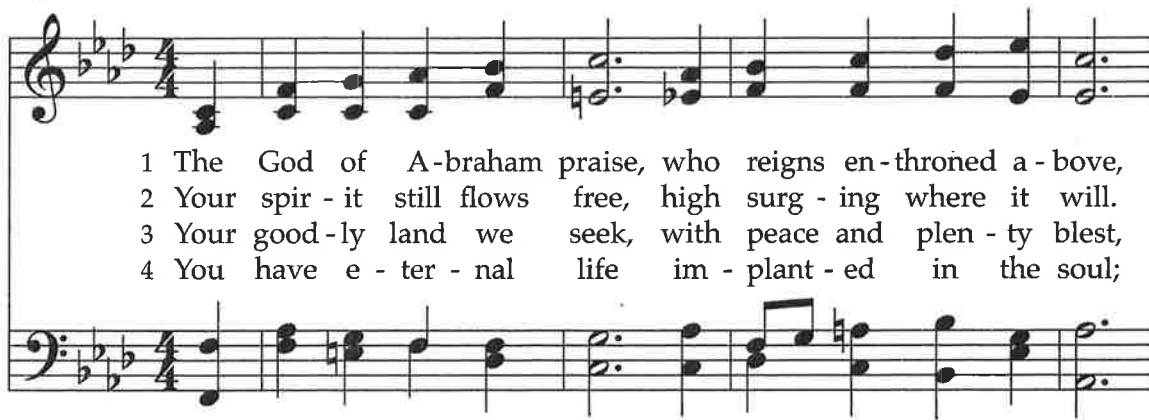


### **Prayer List**

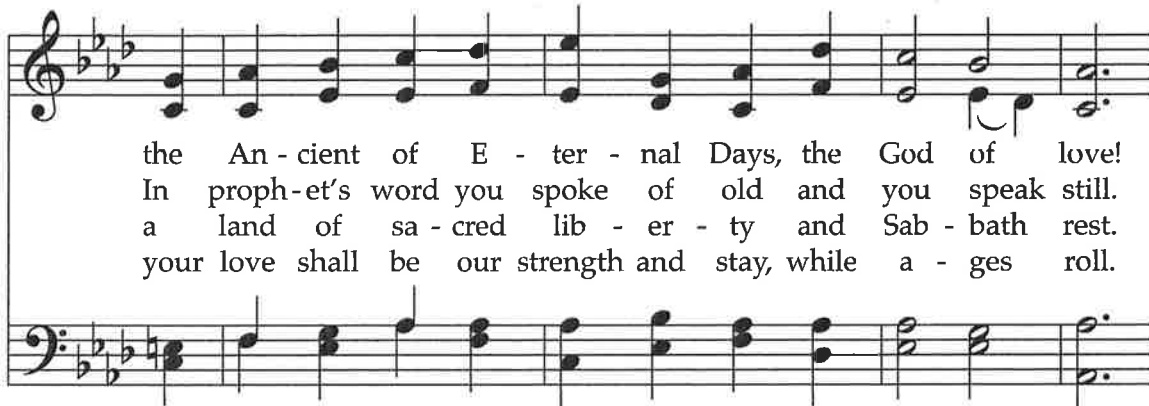
*Hazel Ann Atkinson, Jim Bell, Frank T. Bender, Julia Bender, Penny Bender, Mike Coeyman, Layah Collins (One of our Childcare Family), Elizabeth Cooper (Great great niece of Shirley & Vic Byran), Cameron Corno (requested by Noreen Jekel), Betty DuVal, Shirley Eubanks, Linda Gardiner, The Family of Marian Greeson (Sharon Benders' Mother who passed away), Cliff & Eileen Griswold, Sybil Harriett, Ray Hemphill, Steve Hicks (requested by Jerry Burkot), The Family of Jimmie Hill (Felicia Klingensmith's Father who passed away), Debbie Kocher (Amber Swanger's Mother), Jon Link (Pastor T. Wes' cousin), April (Bender) & Johnny McKeel, Linda Mattocks (requested by Carol Mattocks), Ellen Bender Melton (Jane Sobotor's Mother), Linda & Forrest Minges, Jr., Chris Moore, Jackie Morris (requested by Shirley Bryan), Pollocksville Presbyterian Church & Childcare, Russell Ray (Hilda Bender's nephew), Edna Smith, Peg Swinehart (Lyle Swanger's Grandmother), Sharon Tew (In Vidant), Justin Woolard.*

*Continue to pray for the entire human family as we move forward during this pandemic.*

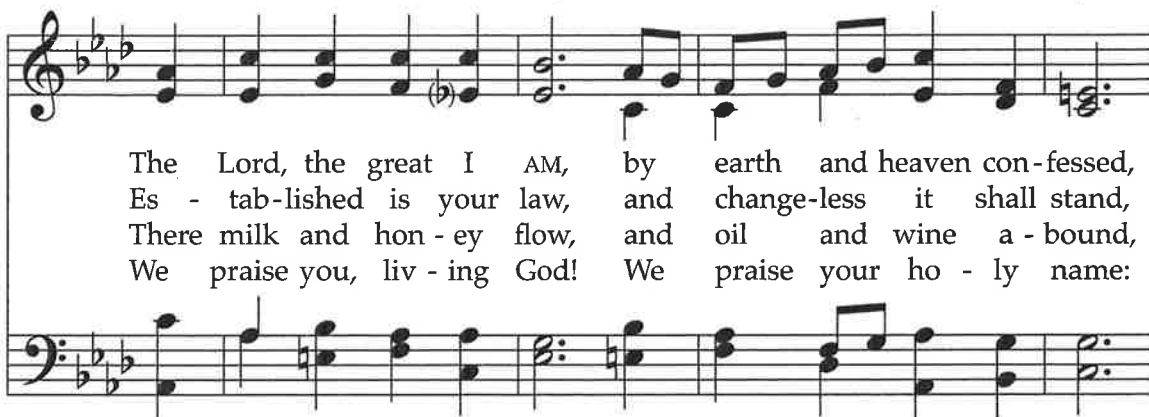
## 49 The God of Abraham Praise



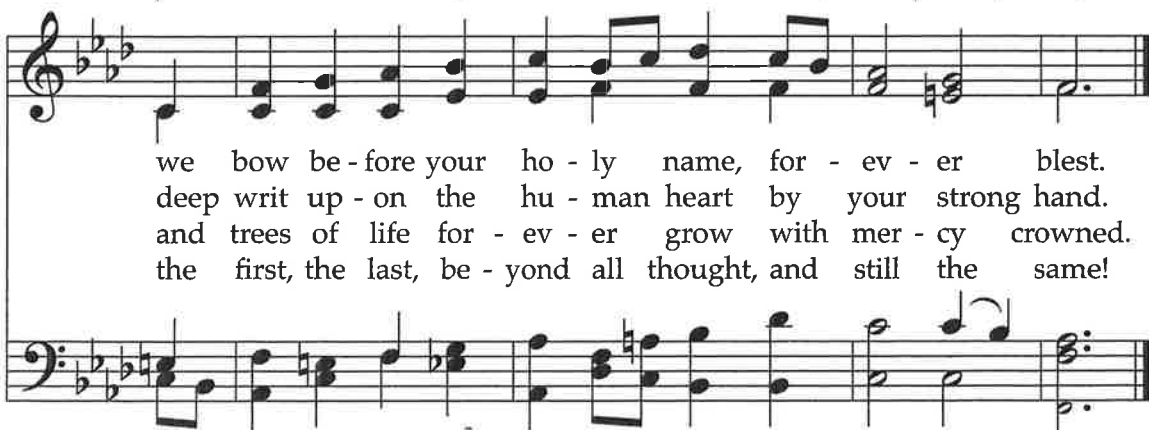
1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

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To Abraham and Sarah

I Will Be Your God

1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:  
 2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,  
 3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid

"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.  
 de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;  
 can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,

You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word  
 and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,  
 re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,

that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."  
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."  
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."

This hymn condenses the narrative of Genesis 17:1-22 and grounds it in the recurring statement of the covenant relationship between God and the people God has chosen. This Welsh tune also occurs in a minor version called LLANGLOFFAN, used elsewhere in this hymnal (see no. 362).