



## SARAH'S LAST LAUGH?

# Grove Presbyterian Church

## *Worship Service*

*June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 10:15 AM*

 *Sanctuary flowers are given today  
By the Cotner Family to the Glory of God  
and in honor of Henry Cotner's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

Participants in today's service: Charlotte, Lydia and Reese Clapper (welcome), Merry Hackenburg (worship leader), Kimberly Green, Kessey Keiselhorst and Stephen Lewis (music), Lynne Pabst (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (recording) Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper.

*\*\*\*You are invited to read and sing the BOLD selections with us\*\*\**

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude

arranged by YoungMin You

**“Hills and Valleys”**

Call to Worship

As Abraham and Sarah welcomed divine visitors with gracious hospitality and a rich feast, may we welcome God with open hearts, ready to feast on God’s word. Here, in this place, it is the Lord who offers bread that satisfies and waters that refresh. We come with open hands, ready to receive God’s grace.

Gathering Hymn

**“Revive Us Again”**

*by W.P. Mackay (1839-1885), a Scottish physician who became a preacher and prolific songwriter*

**We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,  
For Jesus who died and is now gone above.**

***Refrain:* Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, Amen!  
Hallelujah, thine the glory! Revive us again.**

**We praise thee, O God, for the Spirit of light,  
Who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. *Refrain*  
All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
Who has borne all our sins and has cleansed every stain. *Refrain*  
Revive us again – fill each heart with thy love;  
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. *Refrain***

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you send us to proclaim the good news of your kingdom to all who are lost, all who are afflicted, all who are captive, all who have been cast out. But we are content to proclaim the in-breaking of your kingdom within familiar communities where we know others will receive this news**

**with nods of agreement. Push us beyond what is comfortable and safe, and strengthen us for lives of compassionate service, that we might be the laborers you call us to be.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: When the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All: Being justified by his grace, we have become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Amen.**

### Choral Response

**I will serve Thee because I love Thee;  
You have given life to me.  
I was nothing before You found me;  
You have given life to me.**

### Passing of the Peace

### Children's Sermon

Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 18:1–15

New Testament Lesson:

Matthew 9:35-38

Sermon:

**The Impossible Children**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

### Special Music

#### **“The Eyes of a Child”**

*The eyes of a child...who's not been betrayed, who's not been beguiled.  
I want to see how the world appears in the eyes of a child without any tears.  
I want to know what it is they see, free from prejudice, free, really free.  
Free from anger, free from hate, before they are stained, before it's too late.*

*In the eyes of a child they see only a man.*

*There's no color or race, as t'was God's plan.*

Chorus: *When does it happen, when does innocence die?*

*When do we learn to cheat and to lie?*

*Take away my sin and my worldly cares.*

*Give me enough love for the whole world to share.  
How can we hate what we don't know?  
This type of thing must come from below.  
When does the Devil lead us astray from the eyes of child,  
that Babe in the hay?  
The eyes of a child, the eyes of a child  
That only know love, who's not been beguiled.  
Help us to see the world truly clear; take away the hate, make it disappear.  
Fill it with peace, faith, hope and love.  
Please send us these blessings down from above. Chorus*

Blessing  
Sending Hymn

### **“To Abraham and Sarah”**

**To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear:  
“Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.  
You need not fear the journey, for I have pledged my word  
that you shall be my people and I will be your God.”**

**We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid  
can journey to the future secure and unafraid,  
rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word,  
“That you shall be my people and I will be your God.”**

Postlude

by Dupre

### **“Christ Jesus Who Maketh Us Glad”**

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