

# sermon outline

*God not only sees our struggle to live by faith, God enters our lives as a living word...*

**How does God's living word stabilize us in our struggle to live by faith?**

By speaking to desire, as in the life of Sarai  
(Genesis 16:1-6)

Draw a picture

By speaking to injustice, as in the life of Hagar  
(Genesis 16:7-15)

Draw a picture

By speaking to passivity, as in the life of Abram  
(Genesis 16:2, 6, 16)

Draw a picture

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The  
of  
life  
blessing

*Dear Parents: We provide these Kids Bulletins to help our children engage and respond in the worship service. Please help your child follow along with the Order of Service. Use your finger to track the words of the readings. Encourage your child to participate in the songs. During the sermon, allow your child to use the space provided to draw pictures, to help him/her think about the Bible concepts. Use this bulletin in any way that helps both you and your child to worship God together!*

# order of service

## Gathered by God

 Call to Worship: Revelation 5:12b-13  
“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

 Songs of Praise  
*Revelation Song*  
*He Is Exalted*

 Prayer of Adoration: Worship Source Book, 669

## Renewed by God through Grace

 Confession of Sin: Worship Source Book, 662-663

LEADER: While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord, the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in his power to deal with the world. Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice. Let us pray.

PEOPLE: We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.

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 Declaration of Grace: Ephesians 2:4-7  
But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

 Songs of Renewal and Gratitude  
*Arise My Soul, Arise*  
*Living Hope*

## Set Apart by God

 Offering

Children's Message: New City Catechism  
**Question 6:** How can we glorify God?

**Answer:** We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.

**Deuteronomy 11:1** - You shall therefore love the Lord your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always.

 Sermon: Genesis 16

## Sent by God

 Song of Response  
*By Faith*

 Blessing