



PROMISE

The Story of Abraham

**TO KNOW CHRIST AND
TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN**



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WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

VISITING GRACE?

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Visit graceinracine.com/connectcard or scan this QR code to let us know you visited, ask questions, submit prayer requests, or indicate an area of Grace Church that is of interest to you.



If you have something that is weighing you down today, please come down front after service and we will pray with you. You can also share your request on the connection card and our prayer team will lift you up to the Lord.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PRAISE

Welcome
Call To Worship
["Let Everything \(Praise The Lord\)"](#)
["Who You Say I Am"](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson
[Hebrews 13:14-15](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal
["I Will Wait For You \(Psalm 130\)"](#)

Pastor Ryan Boyer

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word: [Genesis 21:1-34](#)
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word

Clint Klepp
Pastor Mike Matheson
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RESPONSE

["Tis So Sweet"](#)
Benediction

Matthew Lautz

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Dorene Esch

Due to the size of our church, we're not always aware of every need. Please help us by sending life updates to care@graceinracine.com.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

LENT & EASTER RESOURCES

The season of Lent is here and we want to equip you to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection during this season! The Grace Bookstall is stocked with some great resources including daily Lenten devotionals, family devotionals, and picture books for your littles.



PRAYER GATHERING

Sunday, March 27 at 5:00pm
Join us next Sunday in the commons for a time to come together as a church body in prayer.

EASTER LILY MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Easter Lilies are a beautiful celebration of the resurrection. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one please contact Janine Carls at 262-977-6537. The Lilies will create a beautiful display on Easter Sunday Morning and you can take yours home after the Easter service. Your memorial will be included in the Worship Guide on Easter Sunday.

Available this year:

- 6" White Easter Lily - \$11.00
- 10" White Easter Lily - \$25.00
- 7" Blue Hyacinth - \$12.00
- 7" Pink Hyacinth - \$12.00
- 7" Daffodil - \$12.00

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Sanctuary Attendance: 426
Livestream Attendance: 73
Giving: \$18,734

2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$296,383
+/- Budget: \$-21,215

SERMON REVIEW DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

This week in the story of Abraham, the Lord makes good on His promise, and Sarah has a son, Isaac. It's the fulfillment of a promise that first began back in chapter 12, when God said He would make Abraham into a great nation. That promise was then clarified in chapter 15, when God promised Abraham that his very own son would be his heir and would lead to innumerable offspring. Finally, in chapter 17, God specifies that it would be through a son born to Sarah that His "everlasting covenant" would be established. And now, as she's approaching 100 years old, the promise is fulfilled and a son is born. The promise that was once doubted as impossible, God has made good on. But this chapter also shows God making good on his promise to Ishmael, Abraham's son through Hagar. And it shows God making good on his promise to bless the nations, as Abraham enters a friendly covenant with Abimelech. The seed of God's everlasting promise has begun to grow, but only in Christ will that promise find its ultimate fulfillment.

Discussion Questions

1. What's something that you always thought was impossible, but then actually happened? How did it change the way you thought about what was possible?
2. When Abraham and Sarah first heard that God would give them a child together, they both laughed. And now that the child has been born, they are laughing again, but for different reasons. Why did they laugh before, and why are they laughing now?
3. Hagar and Ishmael again end up outcasts in the wilderness. How is this time different from the last time (ch 16)? What does God promise to do for the boy and why?
4. This time, in the interaction between Abraham and Abimelech, there is no longer any deceit. Rather, there is mutual respect. What has changed in Abraham since the last time these two met (ch 20)? Why does Abraham plant a tree?
5. How has the everlasting promise of God been fulfilled in your life? And how are you still waiting for it to come to its fruition?

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Genesis 21:1-34

Pastor Mike Matheson

SERMON NOTES

**THE GOD WHO KEEPS
HIS PROMISE**

NEXT WEEK

Genesis 22:1-24

WORSHIPPERS IN TRAINING QUESTIONS

Parents – ask your child these questions this week about their time in Worshippers in Training! Remember – they will be receiving a question to ask you too!

1. What are the promises that God fulfilled to Abraham in this passage?
2. What is a promise to God that you are trusting Him to keep? What do you know about God that can help you trust Him as you wait for Him to keep His promise?