Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude Pastorale

(Composer: J.S. Bach)

Welcome and Announcements

Joining God's Welcoming
Mission Yongmin Kim & Family

Call to Worship

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

Here we are, Send us.

We come to worship God who calls, the Spirit who equips, and the Savior who sends.

Let us worship God.

Hymn #538 Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty

Responsive Reading

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Lord our God, You are holy, yet like Isaiah, we are people of unclean lips. Still, You call each of us into Your service. Too often we make excuses: like Moses, we say we are not eloquent; like Jeremiah, we feel too young; like Sarah, we feel too old; like the rich young ruler, we cling to our possessions; like Jonah, we run in the opposite direction; like Peter, we think we know best. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to see that You are with us and calling us to a greater purpose. Cleanse us with the fire of Your coals. Strengthen us with Your Holy Spirit to turn toward You and take up our cross. Free us through Christ's sacrifice to follow You and to show Your love to the world every day.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.) In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News: **People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Response

Glory be to the Father #961

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.

Passing the Peace

Hymn #754 Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Stepping into the Unknown

Sent: Joining God's Mission in Everyday Life

Genesis 12:1-4a

Musical Reflection The Lord Is My Light

(Music by Frances Allitsen; Arr. by Vaughn E. Wright)

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn #859 Be Thou My Vision

Benediction

Postlude Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(Composer: Prichard/arr. Behnke)

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard

Contemporary Worship Leader Luke Stoner

Praise Music Village Church Worship Band

Liturgy & Prayers Wally Kelley (11:00)

Director of Traditional Music Yongmin Kim

Choral Music
Organist
Scripture Reader
Village Church Choir
Sharon Peterson
Gerri Kirby (9:30)
Sandy Mauk (11:00)

Prayers of the People Roger Smith (9:30)

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

There's Nothing that Our God Can't Do

Lord, I Need You

Prayer of Confession

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

Passing the Peace

Announcements

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Joining God's Mission Welcoming Yongmin Kim & Family

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Closing Song

The Way

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Opening Discussion

When was a time in your life when you ventured out into the unknown? What were the circumstances? What did you feel at the time, and why?

Read Genesis 12:1-4a

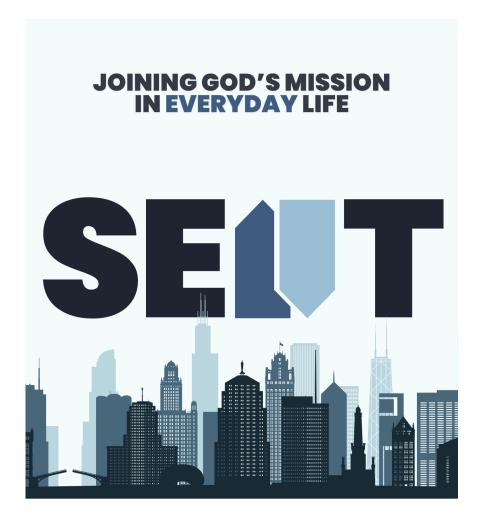
- 1. What was Abram asked to leave behind? Where did God want him to go? How do you think Abram felt about this command from God? In what ways have you been called to do something similar? (v.1)
- 2. What promise did God make to Abram? How might this have affected how Abram responded? (v.2)
- 3. What was the purpose God had for blessing Abram? (v.3-4)
- 4. What was Abram's response to God's call on his life? (v.4)
- 5. Think about all the ways God has uniquely and personally blessed you in life. How might God be calling you to use those blessings for the sake of others?
- 6. Are there areas in your life where you feel you are about to embark into the unknown? How does God's promise to Abram comfort and challenge you as you go?
- 7. What is one thing you can intentionally do this week to be a blessing to others?

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