

ICE-BREAKERS *Forming a Family* | Genesis 12:1 – 9

- 1 God asked Abram to leave what was familiar and step into the unknown. Can you share a time when you had to trust God (or take a leap of faith) without knowing exactly how things would turn out?
- 2 As Abram traveled, he built altars to worship and remember God's promises. What are some ways you intentionally pause to remember and celebrate God's faithfulness in your life?

SERMON BASED

- 1 The message emphasizes that God blessed Abram so that he could be a blessing to others. How does that perspective challenge the way we typically think about God's blessings in our own lives?
- 2 The message describes sin as turning us inward, causing us to ask "*What about me?*" before asking "*What about my neighbor?*" Where do you see that struggle in your own life, and how does **Genesis 12** offer a different way of living?

BEYOND THE TEXT

- 1 God told Abram to leave what was familiar without giving him a detailed plan—only a promise. Is there an area of your life where you sense God calling you to take a step of faith, even though you cannot see the destination? What might obedience look like in that situation?
- 2 If God's purpose in blessing us is to bless others, who is one person or group of people God may be calling you to serve, encourage, forgive, or invest in this week? What is one practical step you can take to become a channel of God's blessing to them?

To Be a *Blessing*



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Forming a Family,
Preparing a People



JUNE 07 2026

10:30AM

Pastor Christian Taylor

Our Mission, here at First United Methodist Church, is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who **Love Boldly**, **Serve Joyfully**, and **Lead Courageously** in our local community and around the world. Whatever your circumstances and no matter where you have been, you matter to God and to us. **You Belong Here!** We pray your experience in our worship today will be one that blesses you and uplifts your relationship with Jesus Christ.

ORDER of WORSHIP

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTENDANCE PAD AND PASS IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR
+ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE RISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Taylor Boroff

VBS RECAP Rainforest Falls - *Exploring the Nature of God*

PRELUDE Scott Turner

Adagio | by Aram Khachaturian (1903-1978)

+ CALL TO WORSHIP Taylor Boroff

Leader: Like Abram and Sarai, God calls us to go into the unknown,
trusting that God's promises are true.

**People: Whether we are certain or full of doubts, God blesses us
that we may be a blessing.**

Leader: God sends us into the world to journey by faith, believing that
God's blessings are greater than anything we can imagine.

**People: Whether the path is straight or winding, God blesses us
that we may be a blessing.**

Leader: God gathers us today with trusted companions, those who
also follow God's call, even when it does not make sense to
the world around us.

**People: Whether we journey with friends or feel all alone, God
blesses us that we may be a blessing.**

Leader: As we gather to worship, may we remember that we are
God's people, blessed by God to be a blessing to our world
that is hurting and desperately in need of good news.

**People: God, form us today as a family of faith, that your blessings
might flow out of us and into our world, drawing all people
into your promise of abundant life and flourishing. Amen.**

+ OPENING PRAYER Taylor Boroff

God of promise, you called Abram to live by faith and to share your
blessing with others. Call us now to that same faith: to walk
alongside the poor and broken, to trust in your mercy, and to share
what we have received. Teach us to be your people, sharing
abundance with those in need, healing with those who are hurting,
joy with those who celebrate, and comfort with those who grieve.
Help us to offer friendship to the excluded, stand with those who
seek justice, and bring peace where there is conflict. May our lives
reflect your love and help bring your promises to life in this world.
Amen.

*"But you are a
chosen people, a
royal priesthood, a
holy nation, God's
special possession,
that you may
declare the praises
of him who called
you out of darkness
into his wonderful
light. Once you were
not a people, but
now you are the
people of God; once
you had not received
mercy, but now you
have received
mercy."*

1 PETER 2: 9-10

LEADERS OF TODAY'S WORSHIP

PASTOR

CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

SPEAKER

TAYLAR BOROFF

CHILDREN'S CHAT

COURTNEY WENDEL

USHERS

YOUTH

NEIL SHAFFER

DAVE LICHTLE, ASST.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

SCOTT TURNER

WORSHIP LEADER

JEREMY LAUKHUF

VIDEOGRAPHER

DAVE THOMPSON

PROJECTIONIST

MARY ANN

& EVAN FALK

SOUND ENGINEER

KYLE WENDEL

SCREEN CREATORS

MARY ANN FALK

JEREMY LAUKHUF



SCAN ME

+ HYMN #127 Scott Turner

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah | UMH



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COMMISSIONING OUR MISSION TRIP TEAM

TO **WOODBIDGE VIRGINIA**

TIME OF GREETING Pastor Christian Taylor

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Courtney Wendel

**+ SCRIPTURE
SERIES
MESSAGE** Genesis 12: 1 – 9
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SONG Jeremy Laukhuf
The Blessing

OFFERTORY Scott Turner
La Nuit | by Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Place your Offerings in the Plates coming through the Pews during the offering song

+ DOXOLOGY #95 Scott Turner
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | UMH

HOLY COMMUNION

+ SPOKEN BENEDICTION Pastor Christian Taylor

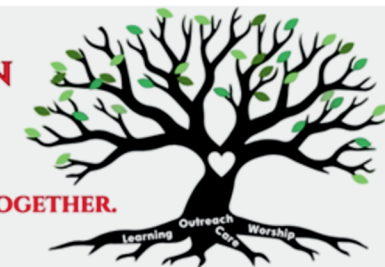
POSTLUDE Scott Turner
Postlude | arr. Jason Payne

**Thank you for worshipping with us, and for
your continued generosity and support.**

Packets
available
outside the
church
office on
the table
by the stairs

THE TENDING SEASON INFORMATION

NOURISHING WHAT WE LOVE, TOGETHER.



June Newsletters now available outside of the church office
and on the bulletin board in the kitchenette!

Mark your calendar
for Sunday, **June 28**
to **Celebrate Pastor**
Christian Taylor and
his family and the
years spent with
us at First UMC.

**To Forming a
Family ~**



**AVAILABLE
IN THE KROUT!**

Infants & Toddlers

have the Nursery
available during
10:30AM Worship

PreK – 5 grade

have AWE (alternate
worship experience)
during 10:30AM
Worship
No AWE Communion
Sunday

6 – 12 grade

have Youth
Group between
September – May
No youth group
during Summer

**Nursery Volunteers
Needed | Sign-Up on
Cristi Laukhuf's Door**

**Contact Teresa Shaffer
to get involved with our
youth during worship**

Sunday School starts
back up in the fall.

Rev. Harold Thomas

“Tom” Wilson



born June 18, 1935
passed May 23, 2026