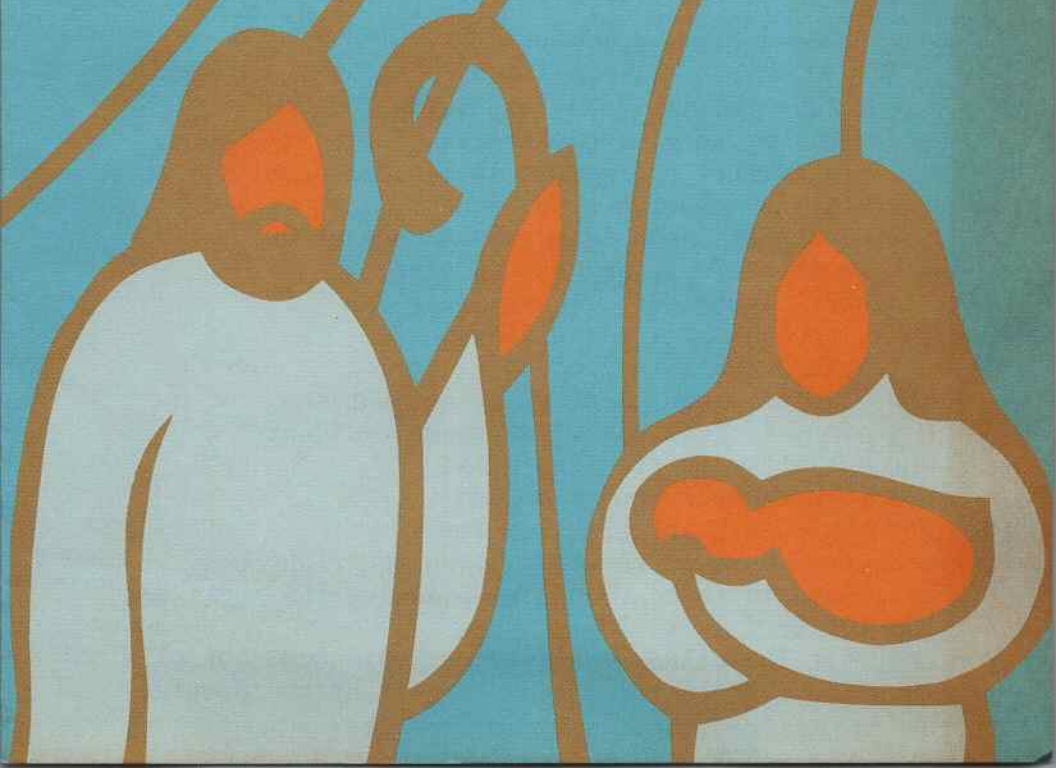


By faith Abraham...

by faith Sarah...



For Thought - "I see the marks of God in the heavens and the earth; but how much more in a liberal intellect, in magnanimity, in unconquerable rectitude, in a philanthropy which forgives every wrong, and which never despairs of the cause of Christ and human virtue." Wm. Ellery Channing. (1780-1842)

Prelude - "Adagio" by Handel

\*Call to Worship "Praise God, the Light upon Our Way.  
Praise God the law we must obey.  
Thou art the Health of Mind and Heart  
To us thy Strength and Peace Impart."  
--Fosdick Tune No. 515.

\*Opening Hymn

No. 65

\*Invocation

\*The Lord's Prayer

\* The Gloria Patri

#### Prayer of Praise and Adoration

O God in heaven, like a potter you framed the universe, and with your hands you made us. You fashioned creation to fulfill your purpose. Through Christ you restore that which is broken; by your Holy Spirit you enflame us with zeal to obey. Look down from heaven to see if there are any who act wisely; you will see us and hear us praising your name.

#### Prayer of Confession

UNISON: By faith you called Abraham to sojourn, O God; by faith Sarah conceived even when she was past the age. We read of their witness and marvel at their obedience; our faith is meager by comparison. We rarely venture out without knowing the destination; we want to know what's in it for us before we say yes to your call. Forgive our lack of daring and commitment and help us to trust you fully.

The Day's Psalm - Ps. 14 (read responsively)

M - The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.

C - The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all,  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.

M - Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad;  
there is none who does good; no, not one.

C - Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?

M - See how they tremble with fear,  
because God is in the company of the righteous.

C - Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,  
but the Lord is their refuge.

M - Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!  
when the Lord restores the fortunes of the people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Old Testament Lesson - Jer. 18:1-11	Doyal Pinkard
New Testament Epistle - Heb. 11:1-3, 8-19	
New Testament Gospel - Lk. 12:32-40	
Sermon "The Potter and the Clay"	David G. Bartholomew
Hymn	No. 432
Offertory Sentences	
Musical Interlude - "Larg Letto" by Handel	
*The Doxology	
*Prayer of Dedication	
Announcements and Concerns	
Pastoral Prayer	
*Recessional Hymn	No. 35
*Benediction and Postlude	
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Vic Appel	Greeter
Doyle Pinkard	Reader
Rev. John C. Towery	Pastor
Earl Cornwell	Violinist
James Lee	Pianist
David G. Bartholomew	Intern

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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We welcome all those who are with us for the first time this morning. We ask that you sign the Guest Register in the rear of the church before you leave so that we may be in contact with you about our upcoming events. We also ask you to stay after the service so that you can meet some of our members.

The Bible Study and Reflection group will be meeting at the Cole's house this week. Leo Wegner will be leading an informal discussion on 1 Peter 4 beginning at 7:30 PM.

The Sun. lunch group will meet in the rear of the church after the service as usual. If you have no plans for lunch, why don't you join us for a good meal and some fellowship?

If there is enough interest, there will be a Prairie Home Companion listening party at the church next Sat. from 5-7 PM. Please contact David Bartholomew if you are interested.

Next week the Rev. Sarah Bentley will be leading our worship as the pastor and the intern will be out of town. Also, please check the bulletinboard in the fellowship room for other important information. We have been posting several notices lately.

Small tubes in \$5.00

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 1986

Hebrews 11:8-11a

3 1/2 hrs. or so  
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Sarah and Abraham might not see their child grow to full stature. But with they ventured forward into their future in trust and confidence. Sometimes we cannot know the fruit of our good works until we are summoned to live by faith, to risk for the promise and greeted it from afar. We do form a vision for that which is yet to come. And so by faith Abraham and Sarah, men from the past, lead us into the future, inspiring our obedience and our trust in God.

Rev. Davida Foy Creech  
Colchester Federated Church  
Colchester, Connecticut

## PRAIRIE FIRE

The scene comes right out of history. The farm family, unable to meet their mortgage payments, dispossessed by the bank. The sheriff, once a welcome friend, now forced to execute the eviction. The farmer's neighbors, standing idly by, wondering if they will be next. A farm foreclosure evokes memories of the Great Depression years. But it is happening in the United States today.

Reverend David Ostendorf of Des Moines, Iowa, can testify first-hand to the farm crisis. As director of Prairiefire, a farm-advocacy group in Iowa, he has watched the frustration and despair mount among farmers whose crops are selling for less than their production costs. "I tell you honestly," he says, "we are worried about keeping guns out of people's hands."

In line with its commitment to nonviolent action, Prairiefire organizes county support groups to help rural people through counseling, legal assistance, and emergency financial aid.

"The first thing we ask a distressed farmer is, 'Do you have a pastor?' We suggest that farmers meet their banker with energy at their side, and that has made all the difference in the world in the climate for negotiation."

Your Church's Wider Mission supports our rural neighbors through Prairiefire.