**Blackburn’s Chapel Home Worship**

**Week of 6/8/2020**

**Gathering prayer –** Lord, we look to you today as the sure foundation of our faith in a broken world. Without you, we are nothing. With you, all things are possible and we give you thanks for your presence and grace in our lives. Help us to see that no work of your Kingdom is too small and no prayer is unheard. Show us the way to speak of your justice and love with compassion and clarity. We pray this in the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**Scripture – Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7**

**Reflection**

1. In the passage, we read of Sarah’s skepticism concerning the Lord’s promise of children despite her age. God often promises outlandish things in the lives of His children. What has been one of your moments of deep doubt? What did you learn from the experience?
2. Abraham’s hospitality is key to the passage. How can we learn, in our divided times, from Abraham’s example of throwing open the tent doors and welcoming the strangers who appeared to him and Sarah?

**Scripture – Psalm 100**

**Reflection**

1. This psalm is a hymn of thanksgiving, recognizing God’s omnipresence and goodness. It may be easy to overlook these short hymns in the psalmody. Why is it important to keep these psalms at the forefront of our worship?
2. Verse 5 tells us that God’s steadfast love “endures” forever. To endure is to suffer patiently and to last through difficulties. What does it mean that God’s love endures? What does that love endure through?

**Worship in Song**

Rivers and Robots – “Home”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wYuB0ZqJ4Y>

**Closing prayer – A collect for justice, BCP, p. 260.**

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.