



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the old stone church of independence

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Trickster by Bill Lewis

C.J. Briggs, Music Director

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Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

“Stories about tricks and pranks, especially when played by the lowly, small, and poor on the proud, big, and rich, have delighted audiences from the dawn of storytelling.

~ Richard Erdoes and Alfonso Ortiz, American Indian Myths and Legends

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(from Psalm 119)*

Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your stories.
I hold my life in my hand, but I do not forget your ways.

PRELUDE PRELUDE FROM OP.17: SARCASMS by Sergei Prokofiev

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 119)*

With my whole heart I seek you, O HOLY ONE, my God.
Teach me your ways, I will forget your word.

Your decrees are my delight, your stories my wisdom.
My soul melts away; strengthen me by your word.

The HOLY ONE exists forever; your word is firmly fixed in heaven.
Your word is a lamp to my feet and light to my path.

Turn to me, and be gracious to me, as those who love your name.
Make your face shine upon me, and teach me your stories.

I put my hope in your words.
Come let us worship God.

*HYMN BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD GTG #395 by Tobias Clausnitzer LIEBSTER JESU

CHILDREN OF GOD

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we are a people who are always concerned about ourselves. We worry about what is ours and are concerned with getting more. We have not been guided by your Spirit or the teachings of Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and gently guide us back to your way. Help us to think of others and sharing what we have with the world. Amen. *[Silent Confession.]*

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 13:10-17, 34-35

(First Nations Version)

HYMN

LORD OF ALL GOOD
by Albert F. Bayly

GTG #711
TOULON

TORAH READING

GENESIS 25:19-34

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

JACOB TRICKED



~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Declaration of Faith*)

We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works the sovereign will among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. We acknowledge no other God. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God. We praise and enjoy God. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom. Amen.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ SENDING ~

***HYMN**

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE
by Clara H. Scott

GTG #451

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING**

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN
by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)

GTG #541

Verse 1

POSTLUDE

FRLOIC FROM LA BELLISSIMA ESTATE
by Luciano Michelini

NEXT WEEK: JACOB DREAMED

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Call to Worship*,
Lectionary Aids; *Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri Ott.