



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go.

~ Genesis 28:15

~ GATHERING ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(from Genesis 28)*

Surely the Lord is in this place! **This is the house of God.**

PRELUDE

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J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 139)*

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up.

You search out my path and my lying down,
you are acquainted with all my ways.

Where can I go from your spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there,

if I make my bed in the deeps, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits
even there your hand shall lead me.

“Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light become night.”

But even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN

AWAKE, MY SOUL, AND WITH THE SUN

GTG #663

by Thomas Ken

MORNING HYMN

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(based on Matthew 13)*

Weeds and wheat fill the fields of our lives, grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish. We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of your Word to help us discern what is evil and against your will. We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith. Yet we need your truth. We hunger for your harvest. Jesus, forgive us. Deliver us from evil. Clear our path to you. Amen. *[Silent Confession.]*

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43 (NRSV)
Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

TORAH READING GENESIS 27:41-45 (NRSV)

MUSICAL INTERLUDE WAYFARING STRANGER
arr. C.J. Briggs

TORAH READING GENESIS 28:10-19A (NRSV)
Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON JACOB DREAMED

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(continued)*

We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*RESPONSE	DOXOLOGY	GTG #606
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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *SENDING* ~

***HYMN** ALL PRAISE TO THEE, MY GOD, THIS NIGHT GTG #675
by Thomas Ken TALLIS' CANON

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING** GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN GTG #541
by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH) *Verse 1*

POSTLUDE IMPROV ON TALLIS CANON

NEXT WEEK: JACOB LOVED

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