

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 24th, 2017

16th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am

• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes

Welcome & Announcements *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Irene Elliott

Moment of Silent Prayer/Meditation

Prelude "To God Be The Glory" Cynthia Dobrinsky
The Bells of Bethel

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship

One: Like light that scatters the darkness,

All: surely the Lord is in this place!

One: Like wheat gathered up at the harvest,

All: the kingdom of heaven is near.

One: Let us worship God.

•Hymn 460 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Parent God, we gather here as your children, loved and welcomed home. You have searched us and known us. You discern our thoughts from far away and are acquainted with all our ways.

So you understand how lost we sometimes feel. We confess that at times we have acted in our own interests, without concern for others. We have betrayed those we love, told lies to protect ourselves, and taken things we had no right to own.

Loving God, forgive us. Astound us with your mercy, ground us in your grace, and lead us in your way everlasting.

Moment of Silent Confession

Kyrie 572 "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the good news: God, who created all things, also loves and forgives.

All: We are loved! We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

•Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106 *(refrain)*

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

Children's Sermon/Four Cents A Meal Offering

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the lit-tle chil-dren, All the chil-dren of the world

Ev-'ry col-or, ev-'ry race, all are cov-ered by His grace;

Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren of the world.

•The Peace

Leader: . . . The peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you.

•Gloria Patri (#579)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading: John 1:47-51 *(pages 85-86)*

(New Revised Standard Version)

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When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Shy Choir Anthem "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

(see insert)

Please join us around the piano to sing if you feel called to do so.

Second Scripture Reading: Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

(page 22, page 23 & page 24)

(New Revised Standard Version)

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. Then

prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob. So he went in to his father, and said, "My father"; and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success." Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Jacob's Dream"

Rev. Jim Yao

Response to the Word

•Apostles' Creed *(Traditional - page 14)*

•Hymn 269 “O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand”

Joys & Concerns Irene Elliott

Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer

Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Offering of Tithes & Gifts
Offertory

•Doxology (#592)

•Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 361 “How Firm a Foundation”

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response

“Go with Us, Lord” #535

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and ev-ery com-ing day,
That in Your Spir-it strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.*

Postlude

=====music notes=====

Psalm 100:1-4 “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all ye lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! 1 Chronicles 25:7 “The number of them along with their brothers, who were trained in singing to the Lord, all who were skillful, was 288.” Ephesians 5: 18b-19 “be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart”

So here’s a little-realized fact—Your own voice is closer to your own ears than is any other voice in the church. So it is natural that if you are singing with the same enthusiasm and volume as all the others in the congregation, you will sound louder to yourself than the others sound to you. If you sound the same, you are singing more quietly, and our collective praise will be lukewarm. Sing out with confidence and make joyful praise to the Lord all the while encouraging others in their faith journey.

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We strive to live peacefully with all and respect one another while loving and serving the Lord; our doors and mission are open to all.