

Season of Pentecost Worship
Allin Congregational Church, UCC
AUGUST 2, 2020

PRELUDE

In the Garden

arr. Bill Wollaver

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

HYMN

O For a World

arr. Lowell Mason

Lynn and Kelsey Raymond

INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: God, you see us. You see our struggles, you see our difficulties.

All: You see our possibilities, you see our promise.

Leader: Connect the dots for us, O God. Soften the hard spots with your blessing.

All: Call us in our wandering to hear you say our names. Satisfy our longings as with loaves and fishes and manna from heaven.

Leader: For you are a good God, a God present in the scramble, and in the end, you always, always have a blessing.

All: For this and so much more, we give you thanks, through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray saying...Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 32:13-31

So he spent that night there, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau, two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, thirty milch camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. These he delivered into the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass on ahead of me, and put a space between drove and drove." He instructed the foremost, "When Esau my brother meets you, and asks you, 'To whom do you belong? Where are you going? And whose are these ahead of you?' then you shall say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob; they are a present sent to my lord Esau; and moreover he is behind us.'" He likewise instructed the second and the third and all who followed the droves, "You shall say the same thing to Esau when you meet him, and you shall say, 'Moreover your servant Jacob is behind us.'" For he thought, "I may appease him with the present that goes ahead of me, and afterwards I shall see his face; perhaps he will accept me." So the present passed on ahead of him; and he himself spent that night in the camp. The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

ANTHEM

How Beautiful
Lynn and Kelsey Raymond

arr. Stephen DeCesare

SERMON

The Fight of Our Lives

Rev. Cheryl Kerr

COMMUNION will follow on Zoom directly after the service

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Leader: In the story about feeding a multitude, Jesus asked that people bring to him what they had. You have done that today. In your many kitchens and living rooms, rest your hands lightly upon these elements which we set aside today to be a sacrament. We ask God's blessing on them to make them enough and also to make them abundant for us and for all those who are in our prayers this morning.

Unison: God of compassion, you bless and break everything we are and everything we bring to you. Our deep scarcity becomes enough to sustain us, and then our "enough" becomes an abundance we could never imagine. We pray that your Spirit of life and love, of tenderness and power, rest upon every bread and every cup, that they may feed the inmost need of each child of God and pour forth a grace that can change the world. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Amen.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Leader: The bread on your table is blessed and broken like the picnic of grace.

Unison: Sharing love, we will never be hungry.

(pause while we eat and receive the bread of life)

Leader: The cup on your table is blessed and shared like the overflowing of tears and joy

Unison: Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.

(pause while we eat and receive the cup of righteousness)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

John Turner