

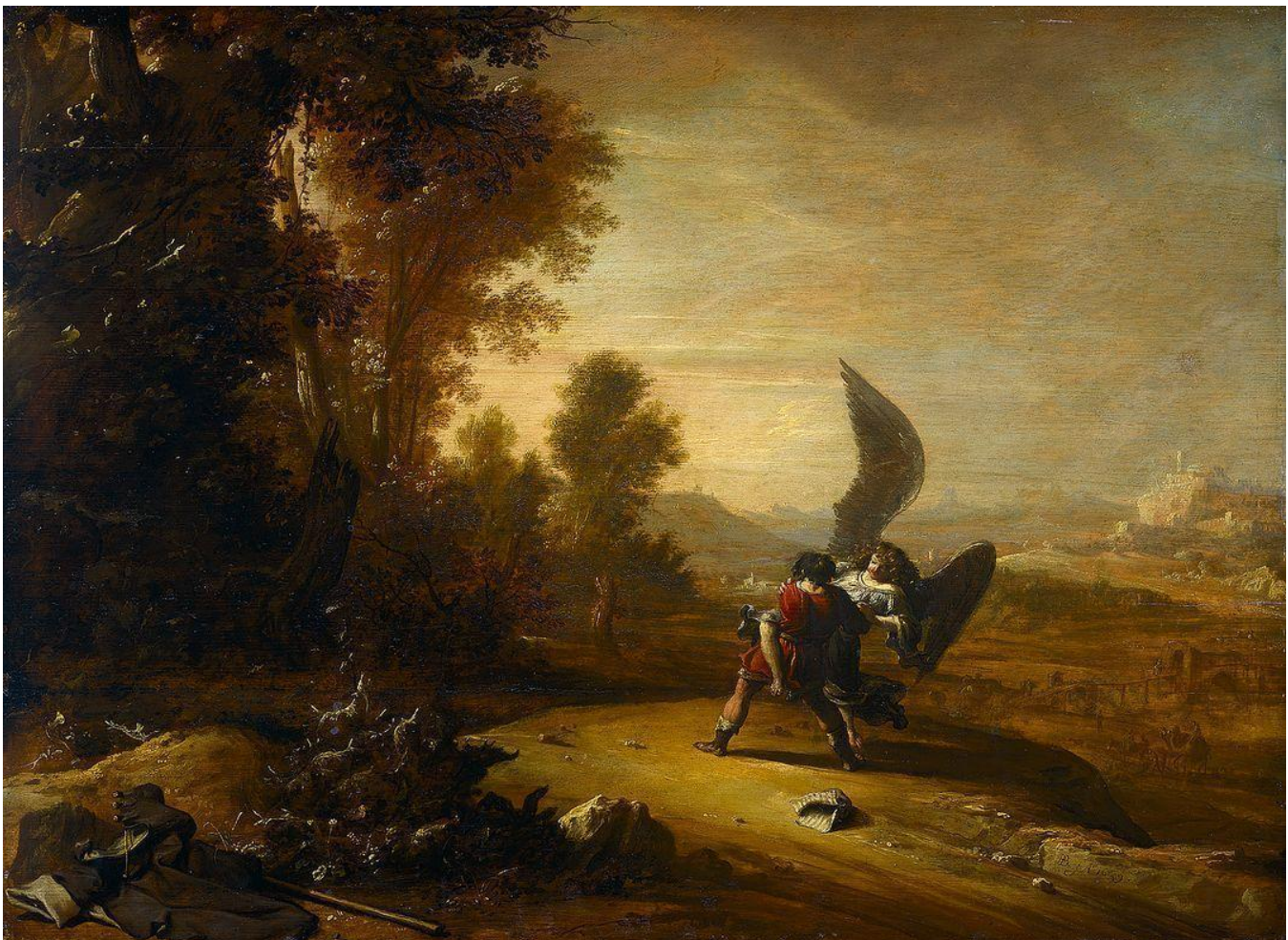
SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

October 22, 2022



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. - Genesis 32:25

(NRSV)



Jacob wrestling with an Angel

Gathering as the Body of Christ

CENTERING SONG

“O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO”

NCH 485(v.1&2)

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has called us to this place called Peniel.

All: Here we encounter the One who meets us face to face, and desires to engage our striving to know God better.

Leader: In this encounter, may we wrestle earnestly and honestly with the God who calls us each by name.

All: Bless us, God, and in that blessing, may we walk away forever changed.

*OPENING HYMN

“COME, O THOU TRAVELER UNKNOWN”

UMH 386 (v. 1&2)

*CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

[All are invited to turn toward the Baptismal Font.]

The baptismal font reminds us of God’s promise of cleansing and forgiveness. In that confidence, let us lift our voices in a prayer of confession.

You who dwells at the crossroads, bless the choices gone before, the roads not taken, the thresholds not crossed, the lives not lived.

On the terrain that we have chosen may we travel lightly, shed of regrets and shorn of illusions of other landscapes that we reckoned and did not choose to cross.

How beautiful is our God, who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who declares our sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

STUDENT MINISTER

You are invited to pass the peace to each other in a non-contact way that’s comfortable to you and your neighbor.

Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Service of the Word

POEM

“JACOB’S BLESSING”

JAN RICHARDSON

Jan Richardson crafts a poetic blessing for all who have struggled and wrestled in pursuit of blessing.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

GENESIS 32:22-31

NRSV

SERMON

DR. GREG CAREY

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

STUDENT MINISTER

Leader: Hear our prayers, God of grace.

All: Meet us in our need and in our honesty

In the abundance of your mercy, we pray for others:

For members of our families,

For our friends and neighbors,

For those with whom we work, and learn, and play,

For the sick, the frightened, the lonely,

For those who grieve,

For those who are desperate and angry,

For those in prison,

For the hungry, the homeless, the poor,

For those we perceive as our enemies,

For those we now name in the silence of our hearts...

(silent prayers)

Leader: Hear our prayers, God of compassion.

All: Send your Spirit upon all for whom we pray. Amen.

Service of the Table

OFFERTORY SONG

***THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. AMEN.

(Elevates the bread) The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

(Elevates the cup) The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

We have a few COVID related options for those who wish to partake. If you wish to receive from the ministers, take an empty eco-friendly cup from the stack on the aisle table and approach the minister, who will place a piece of bread in your open hand. All bread is gluten free.

Or you may take one of the sealed celebration cups with the wafer on top and juice beneath; hold them out to the minister for a blessing. A minister will pour grape juice into your cup. Eat, drink, and dispose of the cup in the waste baskets at the side aisles as you return to your seat.

If you are unable to come forward, please signal the ministers and we will come to you at your seat. Those who prefer not to partake in Communion are invited to a different kind of divine encounter through an interfaith prayer of blessing. If this is your preference, we invite you to meet the minister at the baptismal font.

COMMUNION SONG

“LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER”

AAHH 686

Going Forth as the Body of Christ

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CLOSING SONG**

“COME, O THOU TRAVELER UNKNOWN”

UMH 386 (v.4)

***BENEDICTION**

SENDING & POSTLUDE

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