July 19 2020

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER:

Gracious God, we are humbled by your presence. Thank you for accompanying us on all of life’s journeys. Amen.

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace*

 *Offered by Deanna Taylor & Justin Valleau*

CHILDREN’S SERMON:

**Dear God, help us know that you are with us always. We are never alone and we are always loved. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Come to Jesus by Mindy Smith*

 *adapted by the Early Worship Band*

SERMON LESSON *Genesis 28:10-19a*
28:10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran.
28:11 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.
28:12 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.
28:13 An 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;
28:14 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.
28:15 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."
28:16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place--and I did not know it!"
28:17 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."
28:18 So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.
28:19a He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

SERMON RESOURCES

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SERMON *The God of Jacob: A God of Transitions* Rev. Krysta Rexrode Wolfe

SERMON NOTES

* The first five books of the Bible are called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The Torah tells the story of the beginning of God’s relationship with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* In the Tory we hear how God plans to rescue humanity through the family of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Through a series of calculated deceptions, Jacob had his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ blessing and his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ birthright.
* Out of anger Esau plots to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jacob, so he runs.
* The name Christians use to articulate the threshold between what is left behind and what lies ahead is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It is a transitional space.

In this story Jacob finds himself without a plan for the first time. He has to explore what lies ahead with humility and bravery. When has life suddenly changed course for you? What came of your transitional experience? In what ways did you sense that God was with you?

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Feel free to share your responses with Pastor Krysta at crosslanesumc@gmail.com or by using these hashtags on social media #wearethechurchtogether #hoperises #crosslanesumc

SENDING SONG  *God Whose Love Is Reigning O’er Us* UMH #100, v. 2

BENEDICTION

Go forth with thanksgiving that the God of Jacob—the one who accompanies us in the liminal space—is our God too. In the name of God, the Father; God, the Son; and God, the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*During the last song, if you feel compelled to respond the word of God*

* *By offering your prayer requests:*
	+ *email Jerry Meadows at* *jwmead@frontier.com* *to include your prayers in the Daily Digest*
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3. *If you would like to set an ACH transfer, call our office at 304-776-3081*
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