HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, April 16, 2023

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "In my dream I was standing on the bank of the Nile, when out of the river there came up seven cows, fat and sleek, and they grazed among the reeds. After them, seven other cows came up—scrawny and very ugly and lean. I had never seen such ugly cows in all the land of Egypt. The lean, ugly cows ate up the seven fat cows that came up first. But even after they ate them, no one could tell that they had done so; they looked just as ugly as before. Then I woke up.

"In my dream I saw seven heads of grain, full and good, growing on a single stalk. After them, seven other heads sprouted—withered and thin and scorched by the east wind. The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven good heads. I told this to the magicians, but none of them could explain it to me."

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one and the same. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads of grain are seven years; it is one and the same dream. The seven lean, ugly cows that came up afterward are seven years, and so are the seven worthless heads of grain scorched by the east wind: They are seven years of famine.

"It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land. The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so severe. The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon.

"And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food. This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine."

Genesis 41:17-36

- CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY -

Greeters: Linda Edwards, Linda & Bill Forrey, Alice Weaver, Judy & Bruce Schmoyer
Ushers: Grant & Dean Schonour, John Wolfe, Bob & Vickie Kutz

The white rose recognizes and bears witness to the lives and memories of William Lauris and Ruth Phillips

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:
Walt & Bonnie Chamberlain, in memory of Cheryl Chamberlain
Nancy Mudloff, in memory of Bob Mudloff
Wendell Stockdale, in memory of Jane Stockdale

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Please sign and pass the "**Friendship Pad**" down the pew.*
At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.

Minute for Mission - Vision Leadership Team — Dr. Bill Owen

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 104) — Wyatt Singleton

Leader: God makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for humankind to cultivate
People: The trees of the Lord are well-watered, and there the birds make their nests
Leader: The high mountains belong to the wild goats.
People: The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.
Leader: The Earth is full of God's creatures, they look to God to give them their food at the proper time.
People: When God sends the Spirit, they are created, and the face of the earth is renewed.
All: Praise the Lord!

* Opening Hymn #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Creator God, you have provided for us and you have been steadfast in your love. In Jesus Christ, you even gave up your own life to confront the powers of sin and death.

We confess that we do not always honor your generosity and sacrifice. In our hands, abundance turns into food deserts. Communion turns into rampant consumption. Stewardship turns into labor exploitation. Beauty turns into habitat destruction.

Merciful God, renew us in the hope of the resurrection. Give us a spirit of generosity, so that we can seek the good of our neighbors while trusting in your providence. Build us up as the body of Christ, as we long for the arrival of your new creation. Amen

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon — Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Children's Dismissal to Sunday School

At this time, children through 6th grade are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex. Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.

Choral Anthem — "This Is My Father's World" — arr. Elaine Hagenberg

Scripture Reading — Genesis 41:17-36

Message — **"Abundance and Famine on the Bank of the Nile "** — Will Massey

Artwork by Maggie Pember

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer — Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

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.

Invitation to the Offering — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #553 — "For the Fruit of All Creation"

* Charge and Benediction — Will Massey

Postlude

* Please Stand in Body or Spirit

Music: *Dr. Paul Thorlakson, Music Director*
Jonathan Lefever, organist
Highland Chancel Choir

A/V: Mark Anderson, Garrett Koleda, Gus Beaulieu

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