



Jacques Stella (France, Lyons, 1596-1657)

Sunday, July 9, 2023

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father's household, then the LORD will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Linda & Bill Forrey, Joyce Shaffer, Phyllis Thompson, Kim Buzzard, Sharon & Tom Kennedy, Larry & Anita Ewing

Ushers: Rita Simmers, Don & Kay Houghton, Bev Campbell

The white roses recognizes and bears witness to the lives and memories of:
Lewis Hershey, Joan Hoar, and James Zollman

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:

Jane Hartin, in memory of her father Harold Wardlow

Phyllis Thompson, in memory of Allan Thompson

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

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.

Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Blessed be the God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams

People: Whose love has conquered death.

Leader: Blessed be the God who orders our ways and guides our steps,

All: Who leads us into life.

* Opening Song

"Great are you Lord"

Proclaiming God's Word

* Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

The Scriptures are full of people just like us: men who doubted, women who questioned, siblings who did not get along, parents who chose favorites. God's word of grace is meant for people just like us. There is no need for pretense in the house of God—just honest confession. So let us confess our sins before God with humility and trust, first in silence, then together in song.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Special Musical Confession

"Change My Heart, O God"

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: Paul assures us that the Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us according to God's will. In Jesus Christ, God calls us, and God conforms us to Christ; so that in him, we receive the promise of new life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

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.*

Highland Praise Team

"Sweet Ever After"

Scripture Readings

Genesis 28:10-22

Message

"Between a Rock and a Hard Place"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Commissioning the Mars Hill Mission Team

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

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 Song

"Reckless Love"

* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

* Congregational Response

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel His mighty power and His grace;

I can hear the brush of angels' wings; I see glory in each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Postlude

* PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST

JEFF MARTIN, IGNITE WORSHIP LEADER

A/V: MARK ANDERSON, GARRETT KOLEDA, GUS BEAULIEU

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.
FM sound devices are available. Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.

Cell Phones should be silenced during the worship service.

Video Recordings of the service can be found on the Highland website at www.HighlandPC.org

In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.