

# Front Street United Methodist Church

August 2, 2020 || 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

*As the prelude is played, prepare your home, yourself, and your family to enter into this time of worship.*

Gathering

Gracious and merciful is the LORD, slow to anger, great in kindness.

Good is the LORD to all, and His mercy is over all His creatures.

Hymn

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy  
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less  
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in  
4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er

bos - om fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll,  
soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone,  
thee I find; raise the fall - en, cheer the faint,  
all my sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound,

while the tem - pest still is high. Hide me, O my  
still sup - port and com - fort me. All my trust on  
heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and ho - ly  
make and keep me pure with - in. Thou of life the

Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
is thy name, I am all un - righ - teous - ness;  
foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

safe in - to the ha - ven guide; O re - ceive my soul at last.  
cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.  
false and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.  
spring thou up with - in my heart; rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

## The Word, read & proclaimed

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob 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.

### Sermon

"Magnificent Defeat or Crippling Victory?"

Rev. Patrick Murphy

*Ruelson B. Lee, "Jacob Wrestling with God," acrylic on canvas, 2019.*





## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## The Love Feast

*The Love Feast is an adaptation of the Moravian tradition's Agape Meal. While not a sacrament like Holy Communion, the Love Feast serves as a symbolic meal of Christian fellowship recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the communal sharing enjoyed by the family of Christ.*

*Please have bread and coffee, tea, or another preferred drink ready to share at the appropriate time in the liturgy.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Father of earth and heaven, your hungry children feed, your grace be to our spirits given, that true immortal bread. Grant us and all our race, in Jesus Christ to prove, the sweetness of your pardoning grace, the manna of your love. Amen.**

## The Gospel

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

*Matthew 22:34-40*

## The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

## Passing the Bread & Cup

*At this time, pass the bread and drink you have prepared among those with whom you are worshipping. Once everyone has been served, taste and see that the Lord is good.*

## Prayer of John Wesley

O God, seeing there is in Christ Jesus an infinite fullness of all that we can want or desire, O that we may all receive of his fullness, grace upon grace; grace to pardon our sins, and subdue our iniquities; to justify our persons and to sanctify our souls; and to complete that holy change, that renewal of our hearts, whereby we may be transformed into that blessed image wherein you did create us. O make us all acceptable to be partakers of the inheritance of your saints in light. Amen.

## Sending Forth

"Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever." *Eph. 3:20-21*  
**Glory to God! Amen.**

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## Worship Notes

### Prelude

David N. Johnson was an American organist, composer, educator, choral clinician, and professor. During his career, he taught at St. Olaf College, Syracuse University, and the University of Arizona. Although he wrote over three hundred compositions, he is perhaps best known for his Trumpet Tune in D, which is the opening and closing theme for the nationally broadcast sacred music radio show, *With Heart and Voice*. This piece was also the first of two processionalists used for the 1971 wedding of Richard Nixon's Daughter, Tricia, who was married in the White House Rose Garden.

## Hymn

A Charles Wesley (1707-1788) text of sober lament and supplication, the title of this hymn was originally "In Temptation." The basic situation is that of the psalmist, crying out for help amidst the troubled waters of life (Psalm 17:8; 27:5). The address of Jesus as the "lover of souls" (Wisdom of Solomon 11:26) rests finally in the remembrance of his promise to give the water of eternal life (John 4:14). The expansive minor key Welsh tune ABERYSTWYTH, by Joseph Parry (1841-1903), faithfully evokes the plaintive, yet hopeful spirit of this text. The tune name comes from the city in North Wales where the composer was a professor of music.

## Offertory

Sandra McCracken is a Christian singer-songwriter whose music is deeply rooted in the long tradition of the Church. Her music most often reflects on the nature and work of the triune God, a trait that is not as common in contemporary Christian music, where the focus is often on the religious experience of the individual. "We Will Feast In the House of Zion," one of her most renown compositions, offers rich reflection on a redemptive future determined by God. Drawing on imagery from the Psalms, as well as from prophetic books like Isaiah and the theology of the apostle Paul, McCracken declares God's saving work as that which gives us strength to endure present sufferings because what may come (as well as what is now) rests wholly in the hands of God. Sandra resides in Nashville, Tennessee.