



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

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Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God meets us in our greatest need
and satisfies us with divine presence
and provision. In gratitude,
let us worship the Lord our God.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

Life-changing God, you have touched us
and transformed us
to reach out to all who hunger for
what only you can give.
Keep our feet in your paths
and bless us to multiply blessings to others,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. ²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." ²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." ³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

OPENING HYMN:

"Sing Gently"

arr. by Eric Whitacre

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Let us confess our sins
in the presence of the One
who blesses us and meets our need.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of compassion, we are sick.
We have wrestled all night with worry
instead of resting in you.
We have asserted our own goodness
instead of awakening to yours.
We have turned away those hungry for your help
instead of trusting you and feeding them
from your limitless supply of blessings.
Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you.
We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior.
In Christ, we who are broken
are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed.
Alleluia! **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us offer and receive the peace of Christ as a sign of
God's grace and assurance of forgiveness.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
O Lord, attend to our cry, **give ear to our prayer.**
God who hears us, holds us, and helps us,
you are our eternal source of blessing.
You are our endless source of provision.
In your compassion, you see our need;
you heal our sickness and satisfy our hunger.
Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need:
O Lord, attend to our cry, **give ear to our prayer.**

For our sisters and brothers called by your name throughout the world,
O Lord, attend to our cry, **give ear to our prayer.**

Bless your church and help us move forward in mission with you.
O Lord, attend to our cry, **give ear to our prayer.**

For the healing and preservation of your creation in heaven and on earth,
O Lord, attend to our cry, **give ear to our prayer.**

For the need of the nations—
wisdom for leaders, vindication and relief for the oppressed—
O Lord, attend to our cry, **give ear to our prayer.**

For those who are hungry, ill, vulnerable,
or seeking refuge from adversaries and injustice,
O Lord, attend to our cry, **give ear to our prayer.**

For all who need you, near and far,
especially those we name now, aloud and in our hearts . . .
O Lord, attend to our cry, **give ear to our prayer.**

For the faithful who have preceded us and
in whose steps we follow,
O Lord, attend to our cry, **give ear to our prayer.**

Wondrously show us your steadfast love,
that we may behold your face in righteousness
and be satisfied, when we awake,
beholding your likeness;
through Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

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 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.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

All-knowing God, you have satisfied
our hunger at sunset
and held us close through nights of wrestling.
Now let the day break with your blessing.
Awaken and illumine us by your Word
that we may behold your likeness. **Amen.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

¹ I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

SERMON:

"Staying Curious, Taking the Challenge"

Rev. Dr. Jared Witt

Apostle's Creed:

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, our Father, that you have empowered us
to participate in the miraculous multiplying ministry of your Son.
Receive now these gifts you have provided us out of your abundance
that your miracle ministry may multiply to satisfy the hungry of this world today;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

"I Stand Amazed"
Performed by: Celtic Worship

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Household Prayers

Morning

God of daybreak, thank you for holding me through the night
and awakening me to behold your likeness in this brand-new day.

Go with me now as I walk with you.

Show me the world and its people
through your eyes of compassion.

Bless me, break me, and move through me
to heal and feed those who hunger for you. Amen.

Evening

O God, tonight I lay my failures, anxieties,
struggles, and unfinished business at your feet.
Hold me, bless me, and change me as I rest in you. Amen.