

St. Paul's UMC Streaming Service@8:30am
Sunday, August 2, 2020
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
"Wrestling"

Pastors: The Rev. Karen Slusser & The Rev. Chad Bogdewic
Organist/Pianist: Alaine Fink
Tech: Dave Hochendoner, Robb Montgomery, & Teresa Shepard

Prelude¹ "Light of the Living God" Alaine Fink
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Greeting and Call to Worship²

One: Come, all who are weary.

All: Christ strengthens us with love and grace.

One: In this strength, we can do all things.

All: We are here, ready to receive God's blessings.

Opening Prayer²

Come to us, Holy One, even in our times of resistance. Work within and through us, even when we wrestle with doubt and despair. Enlighten and guide us, even in our darkest hours. Bless us and call us by name, even when we reject your presence. Hold us and love us, even when we try to run away. When we feel beaten down by the world, and are weary with fatigue and sorrow, nourish us with your mercy and your grace. Fill us with your love, that we may go forth with confidence and faith. In your mighty name, we pray. Amen.

Announcements and Prayers of the People

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.

Anthem "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Wesleyan Choir (recorded fall 2001)
Words by Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; Music by William M. Runyan, 1923.
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Scripture Lesson: Genesis 32: 22-31

Jacob got up during the night, took his two wives, his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed the Jabbok River's shallow water. He took them and everything that belonged to him, and he helped them cross the river. But Jacob stayed apart by himself, and a man wrestled with him until dawn broke. When the man saw that he couldn't defeat Jacob, he grabbed Jacob's thigh and tore a muscle in Jacob's thigh as he wrestled with him. The man said, "Let me go because the dawn is breaking." But Jacob said, "I won't let you go until you bless me." He said to Jacob, "What's your name?" and he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name won't be Jacob any longer, but Israel, because you struggled with God and with men and won." Jacob also asked and said, "Tell me your name." But he said, "Why do you ask for my name?" and he

blessed Jacob there. Jacob named the place Peniel, “because I’ve seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved.” The sun rose as Jacob passed Penuel, limping because of his thigh.

Reflection on the Word: “Wrestling”

Pastor Chad

Music for Meditation¹

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Alaine Fink

*Tune: ST. MARGARET, Albert L. Peace, arranged by Brian Buda
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Prayer for Justice

Benediction

Postlude Hymn¹

“Paeon of Triumph”

Alaine Fink

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