
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**JULY 20, 2014**

*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words.

Ring the Bell**Greeting and Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Centering Music “Surely God Is in this Place” (chant)

***Call to Worship**

In places of worship and wonder:

God is there.

In places of worry and fear:

God is there.

In darkness and light, dreaming and waking:

God is there, transforming all times and places into holy ground.

***Gathering Song** NCH #500 “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Sung Response** “Take, O Take Me as I Am”

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

On the holy ground of God’s grace, our lives are cleansed.
Friends, believe the good news of God’s forgiveness, and
be at peace.

***Sharing Christ’s Peace**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please share Christ’s peace with one another.

Children’s Message

Sung Prayer for Illumination “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”
v. 1

Scripture Reading Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, ‘I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’ Then Jacob

woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely God is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Sung Response "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" v. 2

Sermon "Between a Rock and a Holy Place"
Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

***Song** NCH #606 "Nearer, My God, to You"

Prayers of the People *beginning with: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (2x)*

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the following, or whatever version is most meaningful to you:

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.

Offering of Gifts

**"In This Very Room"
FCC/UCC Joint Choir**

Ron & Carol Harris

***Sung Response** "Here Is Bread" v. 1 & 2 (see insert)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sung Response “Here Is Bread” v. 3 (see insert)

Sharing the Bread and the Cup All are invited to share in this meal. To receive, tear off a piece of bread, then dip into the juice before eating. If it is difficult for you to come forward, remain seated and the elements will be brought to you.

Closing Prayer

***Song** NCH #351 “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

***Blessing**

As you go from this place, God goes with you.

Where you lay your head, God is there.

**We will live our lives as God’s people,
treating all the earth as holy ground.**

***Sending Music**