

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-17

Sermon: "Where is God?"

This worship experience is for in-home use and is designed to give you and your family a more Spirit-filled worship experience as we continue to be confined to our homes. Feel free to divide the readings and prayers up if you are blessed to have others worshipping with you. When you come to hymns, special music and the sermon click on the YouTube link provided and your computer, tablet or Smart TV should take you directly to the video. May God bless you as you enter worship! Grace & peace, Pastor Jon.

Notes for today's service:

Today's guest preacher is Brent Driver. Pastor Jon is on vacation this week.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Light a candle to symbolize the presence of Christ in your midst and to signal that you are entering into a sacred time of worship.

Prelude Pat Trostel <https://youtu.be/1GGEtl7EJTw>

Call to Worship

L: In the midst of strife, God is with us!

P: Come, O Lord, and pour your word into our hearts.

L: In the anguish and grief of everyday living, God is with us!

P: Hear our cries, O Lord, and quiet our spirits!

L: Come, let us open our hearts and spirits to the Lord.

P: We come, with confidence and hope in the presence of God. AMEN.i

Opening Hymn **Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hD9-1ZQctV4>

Opening Prayer

God of Jacob, who rested his head on a stone pillow and saw visions of your angels, be with us this day. Give us a vision of your presence in the midst of our strife. Give us courage and confidence that you are with us, calling us to be your loving people in the world. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name.

AMEN.ii

Praises

- Hummingbirds
- Joy of children
- 4th of July celebrations

Prayers

- Kent (Judy Welborn's cousin)
- Les Karns (Judy Welborn's friend)
- The family of Don Barnes (Sylvia Warner's friend)
- Tom & Susan Carrigan (for the loss of Tom's mom)
- Mary Ann Cornell
- Rich & Sarah (Sylvia Warner's friends; prayers for peace and healing)
- The Family of George Floyd.

- For all the families who have lost loved ones to Covid 19.
- For our political leaders, that they may work together to put forth policies to end systemic injustice in our country.
- For our community, that we may receive the grace to see every human being as a child of God.
- For our Church, that we would be led by the Spirit of Christ, as we stand against the systems within our society which oppress people of color.
- All essential workers, caregivers, doctors, nurses and healthcare employees
- Carol Jackson
- Sharon Schwanitz

Prayer Hymn

Draw me Close

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7d_oYr-P16M

Community Prayer

Lord, we wonder about you. We look around us at the mighty power and majesty of nature, and it is easy for us to sing songs of praise for your creation. But then we look at the ways in which people treat one another. Too often, lying and cheating are touted as the ways in which we should live. We see deceit and anger, hostility and hatred, and we wonder where the visions of the angels descending and ascending are today. We long for times of peace and joy yet are drawn into the horrors of the world. Be with us, Lord. Help us see and feel your presence in our lives. Help us place our trust in you. For there is much work to be done in

your world, and you have called us to this work. Guide our steps and guard our lives. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.iii

Invitation to the Offering

You have loved us into life, O God. When we have faltered, you have helped us start anew. When we have been without hope, you have sent us a child to love. When we have been ill, you have given us people who have showed us the way to health. Wherever we are, you are there also. In gratitude for your presence in our lives, we offer our gifts.

Offerings can be mail directly to:

Jenny Hausfeld
320 Green Oak Dr.
Troy Ohio, 45373

Peoples Response

Doxology

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqpXWF15avU>

Prayer of Dedication

Lord, we present these gifts of the many blessings you have poured into our lives. Make us people who are unafraid to proclaim your healing mercies. Bless these gifts to bring your healing presence to all those in need. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

The Holy Scripture Genesis 28:10-17 (NRSV)

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. 11 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. 12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder^[b] set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And the Lord stood beside him^[c] 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; 14 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^[d] in you and in your offspring. 15 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." 16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" 17 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.”

Sermon **“Where is God?”** **Brent Driver**
<https://youtu.be/Gb37vfvfBBg>

Sending Hymn **Great is thy Faithfulness**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eQ1oal44wU>

Benediction / Sending Forth

Go into God’s world with confidence and hope. God’s presence is with you in all that you do. Be those people who plant seeds of comfort and hope. God will bring about the harvest in due time. **AMEN.**^{iv}

ⁱ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/5129/classic-worship-connection-july-23-2017>

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