

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER Rev. Anna Mulford

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: As we gather on this eighth Sunday after Pentecost, we remember Jacob's journey—marked by both longing and fulfillment. God meets us in every moment, calling us to trust and to serve.

All: **We come with open hearts, seeking God's wisdom and presence. With hope and perseverance, we offer ourselves to God's purpose.**

Liturgist: Let us worship with gratitude, knowing that God's plans for us are good and God's love is steadfast.

All: **We rejoice in God's faithfulness, ready to love with patience and to recognize God's guidance in every season. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN “*Children of the Heavenly Father*” UMH #141

MINISTRY MOMENTS Rev. Anna Mulford

CHILDREN OF GOD MOMENT Rev. Anna Mulford

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Anna Mulford

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist
God of steadfast love and mercy, we confess that we have not always trusted Your plans for us. At times, we have been impatient, doubted Your guidance, and failed to love with patience. We struggle with our desires, longings, and fears, just as Jacob did—forgetting that Your presence accompanies us through every season. Forgive us for wandering from Your purpose and for neglecting opportunities to serve and love others as Your children. Renew our hearts, fill us with Your wisdom, and help us to offer ourselves anew to Your calling. In Christ's name, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Liturgist

God's steadfast love and mercy are ever-present. No matter how far we wander or how many times we falter, God renews our hearts and welcomes us with open arms. In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and called to walk each day in wisdom and love. Receive this assurance: God's purpose is for good, and His grace accompanies us in every season. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 29:15-28 OT. Pg. 26

SERMON “Family Reunion: Sibling Rivalry 2” Rev. Anna Mulford

*REFLECTION HYMN “*Sweet Hour of Prayer*” UMH #496
(Invitation to the rail for prayer/meditation)

SHARING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY/BLESSING SONG

“*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*” UMH #94

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Liturgist / All

Gracious and loving God, You welcome us with open arms, restoring our hearts and guiding us with wisdom through every season. As we offer our tithes, gifts, and prayers, we do so in gratitude for the blessings You have poured into our lives. May these offerings be used to serve Your children and further Your work of love in the world. Thank You for gathering us as a family in faith, and for calling us to share in Your mission together. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Anna Mulford

THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Anna Mulford / All

*SENDING HYMN “*Marching to Zion*” UMH #733

BENEDICTION / BLESSING Rev. Anna Mulford

POSTLUDE