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WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

GREETING – Psalm 118: 24

One: This is the day that the lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

GATHERING MUSIC THIS IS THE DAY #84

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

ALL: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

One: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

ALL: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

One: The living Christ is with us.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

***HYMN Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart #290**

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
and make me love you as I ought to love.**

**I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rendering of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.**

**Have you not bid us love you every way?
All, all your own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind;
I see your cross there teach my heart to stay:
O let me seek you, and O let me find.**

**Teach me to feel that you are always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of an unanswered prayer.**

**Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.**

*** UNISON PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

ALL: God of our fathers and mothers, God of all the generations who have come before us: holy is Your name. We gather in Your presence with praise and thanksgiving for the faithful love You have shown toward your people, for the many blessings You have given to us. Thank you for Your faithful presence among us, even when we are not fully aware of it. Continue to reveal Yourself to us. Open our eyes to see You here among us; open our ears to hear Your Word. For surely, You are with us in this place. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**ALL: 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 sins as we forgive those
who sin 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.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S STILL SPEAKING VOICE

SCRIPTURE Genesis 27:1-4, 15-27a; 28: 10-17

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob.

So he went in to his father, and said, "My father"; and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the Lord your God granted me success." Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him. He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am." Then he said, "Bring it to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you." So he brought it to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank. Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son." So he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his garments, and blessed him

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward 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 the Lord 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."

One: God is still speaking

ALL: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE Surely God Was in This Place

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN Nearer, My God, to You #606

Nearer, my God, to you, nearer to you.

I'll bear the cross as Christ calls me to do and pray each day anew:

Nearer my God, to you, nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

When I am wandering as Jacob did,

and in the deepest night the path is hid, my dreams will bring me, too,

Nearer my God, to you, nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

Let Jacob's ladder fill the sky above,

and angels carry down the faith and love to keep this goal in view:

Nearer my God, to you, nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

Then, walking from the night to morning air by Bethel's stone,

I'll know you heard my prayer, and how my yearning grew:

Nearer my God, to you, nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

One: We are called to love God with our whole heart and mind and strength

ALL: Called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

One: We bring before God our gifts, our talents, our praise and prayers as a sign of that love. Let us pray for God's blessings on all our offerings

ALL: Loving God, accept all that we joyfully offer you this day. May we grow in faith and love that our whole lives might be a witness to your goodness. Amen

***HYMN We are climbing Jacob's Ladder # 500**

**We are climbing Jacob's ladder, we are climbing Jacob's ladder,
we are climbing Jacob's ladder, bearers of the cross.**

**Every round goes higher, higher, every round goes higher, higher,
every round goes higher, higher, bearers of the cross.**

**Rise, shine, give God glory, rise, shine, give God glory,
rise, shine, give God glory, bearers of the cross.**

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

***COMMISSION**

One: Go with eyes and hearts open to holy presence.

ALL: We will expect to see angels in our midst.

One: Go in thanksgiving for all that God has done.

ALL: We will live to be a blessing to all the families of the earth.

One: We will leave this building, but we are always the church, the body of Christ.

ALL: We are the hands and feet of Jesus, carrying God's love and grace to the world.

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Worship resources:

Re-worshipblogspot.com

Life in Liturgy

Announcements:

Next Sunday, October 3rd, Scripture: Exodus 2: 23-25; 3: 1-15; 4: 10-17

Join us for Bible Study each Monday at 7pm by Zoom. We will discuss the scriptures for the following Sunday's sermon. The Zoom link will be emailed Monday morning.

Join us for our study of the book Reunion: A Bible Study for Churches Getting Back Together on Sunday at 1:30pm through the end of October (except October 3rd).

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

We will receive the NIN offering on **October 3, 2021** as part of the World Communion Sunday observance.

Our next Arts & Crafts Night will be October 14th from 6-9pm. Bring your own craft or come to chat.

October 3rd is World Communion Sunday and we would like to decorate with treasures from around the world. Do you have an item from your travels to share? Please bring them to church next Sunday, September 26. * Mark clearly with your name.

THE NEXT GUILD MEETING- Tuesday, October 5th, at 3pm

We have posted a wish list in the Narthex- Can you help with an item or more? Huge thank you to everyone who has already donated items!

Please consider helping with our worship. Ushers, Lay Readers, Sound/Video Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Please contact Pastor Patty if you have any concerns or needs, or if you just need to talk. Phone: 570-506-0677, email: Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org

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