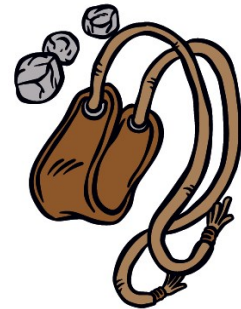
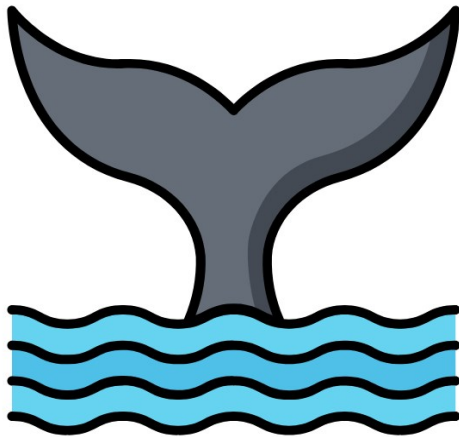


THE OLD OLD STORY

OLD TESTAMENT STORIES WE MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN

RUTH • JOSEPH & HIS BROTHERS • SAMSON & DELILAH



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REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

September 1, 2024

SOUNDING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS¹

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

PRELUDE

Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland
(1900—1990)

*CALL TO WORSHIP²

We gather here in anticipation,

Seeking an encounter with our Holy God,

Who comes among us when we least expect it,

Who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,

Who richly blesses us,

And calls us each by name.

Let us worship God together!

*HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

Merciful God, Jacob's story of wrestling with you shows your willingness to enter into the messiness of our human struggles—into fractured relationships, family discord, unreconciled situations with people we care about. Yet we confess that too often we hold on because we do not want to loosen our grip on our possessions and our selfish desires. Often we fear that our very lives will be dislocated by your kingdom's call to justice, mercy, and peace. Help us contend with our conflicting values, desires, and pressures that confront us daily, so we may unclench our hands and open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Only then may we fully embrace others in their pain—and be embraced—in the name of Christ.

*SILENT PRAYER

*DECLARATION OF PARDON⁴

Our God is a God of grace, mercy, and love; know that your sins have been forgiven. In Christ, may we be strengthened in all goodness and seek his ways.

Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ms. Joy Maple

*HYMN 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Casto-Waters

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32:24-31

SERMON

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS Rev. Boyd Lien

OFFERTORY *ST. COLUMBA* Raymond Haan
(b. 1938)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Ellsworth-Moran

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN 310 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro Moderato* J.S. Bach
(1685—1750)

*All who are able please stand

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¹ "The kind of work God usually calls you to is the kind of work (a) that you need most to do and (b) that the world most needs to have done. ...The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*.

² Based on Genesis 32:22-31, Christian Longhurst

³ Adapted from confession from The Church of Scotland

⁴ Inspired by Colossians 3:1, Presbyterian Church of Canada

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Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Worship Leaders

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

Rev. Boyd Lien

Ms. Joy Maple

Musicians

Dr. Wayne Lord

Friendship Pad Pick-up

Linda Boyd

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Bennett Yort

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Hearing assistance. Hearing aid wearers with a "T" (telecoil) setting can now hear the service broadcast directly through their hearing aids. Others desiring hearing assistance may check out a portable receiver / headset.

