

Bless this Mess: *Stories of Brokenness and Redemption*

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 13, 2021



Lutte de Jacob et l'Ange, oil on canvas
Musée d'Art Roger-Quilliot, Clermont-Ferrand, France
Alexandre-Louis Leloir (1843-1884) French

Faith Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

Robert Powell
(b. 1932)

**Please rise in body or in spirit; unison parts are in bold.*

***Call to Worship**

Mary Hodgson

Come among us, living Lord:

We come to hear your living Word.

You are the bridge between heaven and earth;

You connect us with the holy within and among us.

Center our hearts and quiet our minds that we might be present here.

Let us worship the God of life together.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you know that our lives can be messy: fractured friendships, family conflict, hidden hurts. Too often we hold tightly to what is, resisting reconciliation because we doubt that healing is possible. Help us prioritize values of compassion, justice, and peace, and open us up to the transforming power of the Spirit. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Assurance of Grace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading Psalm 17

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.
As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.
Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Music *Love Lifted Me*

Ruth Elaine Schram
(b. 1956)

Old Testament Reading Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket;

and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bless this Mess: Jacob

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 833** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

verses 1-3

Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering

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Offertory *Total Praise*

Daniel Rich, *baritone*

Richard Smallwood
(b. 1948)

Prayers of the People and Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn** *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

African American Spiritual

verses 1-2, 5, page 4

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

***Passing of the Peace**

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Mary Hodgson, *Liturgist*
Daniel Rich, *Soloist*
Andy Fuller, *Audio/Camera Operator*
Kristin Herber, *Zoom Moderator*
Dawn Shirey, *PowerPoint*

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

1. We are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der, We are climb-ing Ja-cob's
2. Ev'-ry round goes high-er, high-er, Ev'-ry round goes high-er,
3. Sin-ner, do you love my Je-sus? Sin-ner, do you love my
4. If you love Him, why not serve Him? If you love Him, why not

lad-der, We are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der, Sol-diers of the cross.
high-er, Ev'-ry round goes high-er, high-er, Sol-diers of the cross.
Je-sus? Sin-ner, do you love my Je-sus? Sol-diers of the cross.
serve Him? If you love Him, why not serve Him? Sol-diers of the cross.