

# Faith United Methodist Church

September 27, 2020



Welcome & Opening Prayer

Hymn

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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*What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!*

*O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in Prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.*

Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:3-16; 33-1-12

3-5 Then Jacob sent messengers on ahead to his brother Esau in the land of Seir in Edom. He instructed them: "Tell my master Esau this, 'A message from your servant Jacob: I've been staying with Laban and couldn't get away until now. I've acquired cattle and donkeys and sheep; also men and women servants. I'm telling you all this, my master, hoping for your approval.'"

6 The messengers came back to Jacob and said, "We talked to your brother Esau and he's on his way to meet you. But he has

four hundred men with him.”

7-8 Jacob was scared. Very scared. Panicked, he divided his people, sheep, cattle, and camels into two camps. He thought, “If Esau comes on the first camp and attacks it, the other camp has a chance to get away.”

9-12 And then Jacob prayed, “God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, God who told me, ‘Go back to your parents’ homeland and I’ll treat you well.’ I don’t deserve all the love and loyalty you’ve shown me. When I left here and crossed the Jordan I only had the clothes on my back, and now look at me—two camps! Save me, please, from the violence of my brother, my angry brother! I’m afraid he’ll come and attack us all, me, the mothers and the children. You yourself said, ‘I will treat you well; I’ll make your descendants like the sands of the sea, far too many to count.’”

13-16 He slept the night there. Then he prepared a present for his brother Esau from his possessions: two hundred female goats, twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, thirty camels with their nursing young, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. He put a servant in charge of each herd and said, “Go ahead of me and keep a healthy space between each herd.” [story of Jacob wrestling with God].

**33** 1-4 Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming with his four hundred men. He divided the children between Leah and Rachel and the two maidservants. He put the maidservants out in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last. He led the way and, as he approached his brother, bowed seven times, honoring his brother. But Esau ran up and embraced him, held him tight and kissed him. And they both wept.

5 Then Esau looked around and saw the women and children: “And who are these with you?”

Jacob said, “The children that God saw fit to bless me with.”

6-7 Then the maidservants came up with their children and bowed; then Leah and her children, also bowing; and finally, Joseph and Rachel came up and bowed to Esau.

8 Esau then asked, “And what was the meaning of all those herds that I met?”

“I was hoping that they would pave the way for my master to welcome me.”

9 Esau said, “Oh, brother. I have plenty of everything—keep what is yours for yourself.”

10-11 Jacob said, “Please. If you can find it in your heart to

welcome me, accept these gifts. When I saw your face, it was as the face of God smiling on me. Accept the gifts I have brought for you. God has been good to me and I have more than enough.” Jacob urged the gifts on him and Esau accepted.

<sup>12</sup> Then Esau said, “Let’s start out on our way; I’ll take the lead.”

## Hymn

*Nearer my God to Thee*  
*Nearer, my God to thee, nearer to thee!*  
*E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,*  
*Still all my song shall be, near, my God, to thee;*  
*Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*  
*Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

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## Scripture Reading

Genesis 35:16-29

<sup>16-17</sup> They left Bethel. They were still quite a ways from Ephrath when Rachel went into labor—hard, hard labor. When her labor pains were at their worst, the midwife said to her, “Don’t be afraid—you have another boy.”

<sup>18</sup> With her last breath, for she was now dying, she named him Ben-oni (Son-of-My-Pain), but his father named him Ben-jamin (Son-of-Good-Fortune).

<sup>19-20</sup> Rachel died and was buried on the road to Ephrath, that is, Bethlehem. Jacob set up a pillar to mark her grave. It is still there today, “Rachel’s Grave Stone.”

<sup>21-22</sup> Israel kept on his way and set up camp at Migdal Eder. While Israel was living in that region, Reuben went and slept with his father’s concubine, Bilhah. And Israel heard of what he did.

<sup>22-26</sup> There were twelve sons of Jacob.

The sons by Leah:

Reuben, Jacob’s firstborn

Simeon

Levi

Judah

Issachar

Zebulun.

The sons by Rachel:

Joseph

Benjamin.

The sons by Bilhah, Rachel’s maid:

Dan

Naphtali.

The sons by Zilpah, Leah's maid:

Gad

Asher.

These were Jacob's sons, born to him in Paddan Aram.

<sup>27-29</sup> Finally, Jacob made it back home to his father Isaac at Mamre in Kiriath Arba, present-day Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac had lived. Isaac was now 180 years old. Isaac breathed his last and died—an old man full of years. He was buried with his family by his sons Esau and Jacob.

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

**Response: Thanks Be to God. Amen.**

Children's Time

Special Music

Witness

*Jacob's Journeys*

Response to the Word –

Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light to be the body of Christ in the World.

**Now with the Holy Spirit may we live our faith as we tell our story.**

Prayers for the World & the Gifts of the Community

Hymn

*Hymn of Promise*

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*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Benediction

## Prayer List

### Those affected by Hurricane Laura

Margaret Arceneaux	Paula Davis	Kelly Simmons Owens
Paul Arceneaux, Jr.	Bobbie Dean	Jim Padgett
Sidney Arceneaux	Mary Delafosse	John & Candance Perkins
Kim Craigen Ard	JoAnn Docken	Melva Phillips
Lucian Adams	Tammy Dufour	Harlan Phipps
Dolores Anderson	Julie Duplichan	Alfred Pierson
Natalie Avery	Rachel Edmondson	Mercedes Pierson
Johnny & Ovelia Battaglio	Joe Floyd	Justin Plake
Linda Bergen	Lorene Green	John Pool
Lloyd Betar	Rachel Grimmett	Kenny Puckett
Mary Bevil	Kathy Guidry	Buddy Renkema
Bonnie Blankenship	Connie Hebert	Nikki Castilaw Rice
Henry Blevins	MaryJo Hebert	Edward Rivet
Donna Suppa Bolton	Edna & Raymond Jones	Randy & Darlene Rivett
Jo Bordeaux	Alice Kethley	<i>Family of Betty Romero</i>
Pat Borel	Kristie Key	Ezekiel Romero
Glenda Brooks	Clyde Landry	Misti Sanchez
Jean Brooks	Gail Lauve	Joann Savelle
Ann Campbell	Christi Leblanc	Jim & Loretta Shearer
Norma Campbell	<i>Family of Jim Leblanc</i>	Brooke Simon
Robert & Roxie Castilaw	Fred Ledesma	Harriet Simpson
Jared Castolenia	Alice & Louis Loftin	James Sowell
Beulah Cathey	Orianna Marchand	Kim Streed
Tana Champeau	Matt Markos	Bob Taylor
Rebecca Chance	Barbara Martin	<i>Family of June Waits</i>
Billie Cherry	Lloyd Martin	Sadina Hammock Ward
Kim Wilber Conn	Linda Meyers	Mary Alice Weitzel
Derick Cooper	Maribeth Moore	Mary Rose Williams
Kyle & Beth Craigen	Jimmy Mott	JR Wise, Jr.
Dakota Crutchfield	Ron & Michelle Mueller	Gail Wright
Jimmy & Emily Davis	Joyce Murphy	Greta Zeralsky
	Arnold Northcut	



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We are called to be:

**Transformed** by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

**Engaged** with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

**Celebrate**, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

**Share** the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

Attributes

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