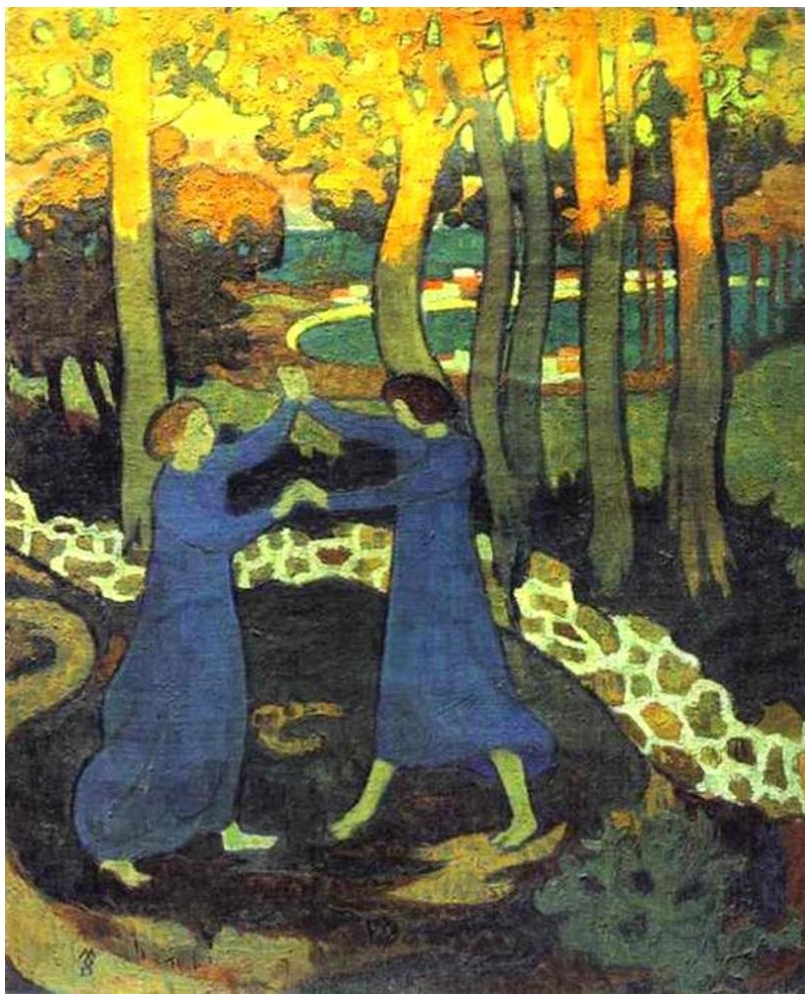


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Jacob Wrestles the Angel, ca. 1893 Maurice Denis, Vanderbilt University Divinity Library

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 14, 2024 10:00 a.m.
Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn off your cell phones. Thank you.

PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

CALL TO WORSHIP

Trenton Mitchell

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it,
**for God has founded it on the seas
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false
and do not swear deceitfully.**

Such is the company of those who seek God,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O God, we seek your face!

Let us worship God with gladness.

++HYMN #634[GTG] To God Be the Glory

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Trenton Mitchell

It is only by the power of God
that we are able to stand against evil.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

We know that you call your people to lives of service and works of justice.

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our lives
just loud enough to drown out your call.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our days
just busy enough to convince ourselves
that we have a righteous excuse.**

We know that you work for the healing of all that is broken in the world.

Heal us, O Lord, of our blindness by your grace.

Forgive us, O Lord, and free us to try again.

Assurance of Pardon

Trenton Mitchell

Now stand firm in your faith,
covered by the saving grace of God
and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

++Response to Forgiveness

#188 [GTG] Jesus Loves Me!

***Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Trenton Mitchell

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Be still and know that I am God (three times).

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ms. Megan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Trenton Mitchell

Holy, Holy, Holy One,
guide us by the Spirit of truth
to hear the Word of life you speak,
and to give all glory, honor, and praise
to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kurt Civilette, French horn

SECOND LESSON READING

Genesis 32:22-31

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When 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. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

SERMON

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++HYMN #698[GTG] Take, O Take Me As I Am (three times)

The brevity of this text and tune invite repeated singing, either as a sustained chain of sound or as a sung response in a series of prayers. It offers a more reflective approach to the same theme of self-dedication evident in older hymns such as "Just as I Am."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
(Prayers continue)

Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Amen #568[GTG]

568 Amen

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F C

A - men, a - men, a - men!

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (Bm7) (E)
Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b Dm7 G

A - men, a - men, a - men!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Amen'. The first staff is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men!' are written below the notes. Above the staff, the chords are listed as (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A) with their corresponding guitar chord symbols Gm, F, Bb, Cm, Gm, D, Eb, F, C. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics, with chords (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (Bm7) (E) and guitar symbols Gm, F, Bb, Cm, Gm, D, Eb, Dm7, G.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1984
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AMEN (Haugen)

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

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++Doxology #607 [GTG]

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

++HYMN #351[GTG] All Who Love and Serve Your City

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 22:37 / Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

BENEDICTION

BLEST BE THE TIE 306[GTG]

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

POSTLUDE

Sergei Kvitko

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PRESBYTERIANS

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Trenton Mitchell
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higl
Special Music	Kurt Civilette
Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach	Prince Solace
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available.

FLOWER CHART There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The price is \$50. Simply sign up on the chart (in the office hall), indicate the occasion that you would like celebrated or honored (birthday, anniversary or memorial), write a check to the church and give it to Betsy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! ~ Worship Committee.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 14

10:00 a.m. Sunday service – Chapel
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

Monday, July 15

10:00 a.m.-5 GIL Classes
10:00 a.m. Church staff meeting - Library
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room

Tuesday, July 16

10:00 a.m. - 2 GIL Classes
6:00 p.m. Mid-MI Photo Club Officers – Library
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

Wednesday, July 17

10:00 a.m.- 5 GIL Class
12:00 P.M. Bible study – Library
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room
6:00 p.m. Mid-MI Photo Club – Litten Hall

Thursday, July 18

9:00 a.m.-10 NWI Food truck prep. Kitchen
1:30 p.m. Mandela Fellowship – Litten Hall
6:00 p.m. GL Quilt Guild – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library

Friday, July 19

5:30 p.m. Office closed
Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, July 20

Sunday, July 21

10:00 a.m. Sunday service - Chapel
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel
2:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus party – Litten Hall

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Summer Bible Study/Fellowship Opportunity.

Come and join us. Leave confident, optimistic, and energized in your faith.

The church is now offering Wednesday Bible Study at noon, at the church and on Zoom.

Participants can review the selected readings before each Wednesday session. Start reviewing the materials on the Thursday before the session, on your own schedule.

The group will review three reflective questions and discuss other items. If a session is cancelled, a makeup time will be set for the following Sunday after church. Materials can be found:

- 1) The Participant's Booklet passed out at church. (some copies are still available in the library on the mantel)
- 2) Online on our website. There is a button to click on the home page that will take you to the Bible Study page. Scroll to the bottom and click the Class Materials link.

The **Garden Committee** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm via Zoom

Our meetings are scheduled for the remainder of the year as follows:

- July 24th
- August 28th
- September 25th
- October 23rd

Per Capita Reminder: The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery this year is \$40.05 per member. Hopefully every member can pay that amount. The check can go to the church noting "per capita." Please consider paying the per capita for those who cannot afford to. We have raised about \$3,000 so far. Last year, we paid the Presbytery dues of about \$11,000. Thank you.