

**The Service of Worship
Sunday, July 16, 2017**

SILENT MEDITATION

“The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.” Billy Graham

GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

PRELUDE *Prelude No. 1* J.S.Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Sue Murphy

Leader: Let us enter God's presence for worship!

People: We gather for praise, prayer and communion with the Holy One.

Leader: Let us proclaim this God whom we worship.

People: God is the mighty One, our Protector and Shield, our Redeemer and Friend.

Leader: The Lord is sovereign, the Prince of Peace, the bread of life.

People: God is full of majesty; he deserves all honor; he is ruler over all.

Leader: He is creator and sustainer, ever-present, all-powerful.

People: The Lord is our hope, the giver of life, the judge of the ages.

Leader: God is the Great I Am, the first and the last, the Good Shepherd.

People: He is the everlasting Father, the living water; counselor and comforter.

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

People: Let us worship the Lord our God!

+*HYMN #511 *Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

+*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Like Esau, at times we, too, are caught up in the pressures and stresses of the moment. We act hastily, rashly and thoughtlessly, saying and doing things we later regret. Let us come before God to confess these sins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dedication of New Wilmington Mission Conference Delegates will take place during this morning's Worship.

Reverend Mark will be off July 17th through August 6th. During his time away, Rev. Sheryl Swan will be filling in. If you have any pastoral needs, please contact her at home (440-572-0573) or at the church (440-885-2652).

Joan Stapf Birthday Reception: The congregation is invited to a luncheon in honor of Joan Stapf's 90th birthday. Join Joan and her family on Sunday, July 23rd in the Dining Room, immediately following the Worship Service.

Summer Choir: Do you love to sing? Come join the Summer Choir! There is no commitment, just show up on Sunday morning down in the choir room at 9:30 a.m. on July 23, 2017 and/or August 13, 2017 to prepare a piece for worship. The songs are simple enough to learn that morning. If you have questions contact Gwen Beyer (440) 886-4152. Come sing with us!

The City of Parma Heights is seeking volunteers to serve as “Ambassadors” at the upcoming “Kids in the Commons” event (formerly Weekend in the Commons) on Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13, 2017 at the Greenbrier Commons Complex, 6200 Pearl Road, Parma Heights. This would involve greeting people, and helping to direct them from place-to-place in the Commons for the various events planned for the children and families of the Parma Heights community. Hours we are seeking volunteers are from 1-5 p.m., and we are asking individuals to work in one-hour shifts.

This is one way for the church to be visible in our community. If you are willing and interested, there is a volunteer sign-up sheet located on a **Narthex Bulletin Board**.

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Western Reserve will present a workshop featuring Melissa Bane Sevier, author of *Cloud of Witnesses* based on the book of Hebrews. Make your reservation for **Saturday, July 29 (9 AM - 2 PM)** Our host church is Christ United Church (formerly St. Andrew's), 23114 West Rd., Olmsted Falls Saturday, July 29 from 9 AM - 2 PM. Breakfast refreshments and a light lunch will be served. Cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Reservations should be sent to Lee Lohr, 3864 Long Rd, Avon, OH 44011 – checks should be made out to PW-PWR. For more information contact Gladys Kershaw 440-238-2363

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, July 16 Cameroon Sunday
10:00 AM –Worship Service

Monday, July 17
9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

Tuesday, July 18
6:00 PM – Property Committee - Parlor

Wednesday, July 19
9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library
10:30 AM – Al-Anon – MPR

Thursday, July 20
9:30 AM – P-S Quilters – Fay/Werner home

Sunday, July 23 Food Sunday
10:00 AM –Worship Service
11:00 AM – Joan Stapf Birthday Reception – Dining Room

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Today's Ushers: Pat Moncol, Sally Moncol, Ron Shaffer, Glenn Hess

The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of
Alfred M. Schilens

Chancel Flowers are placed in Loving Memory of
My Father, *Marril Graham* by Anna Graham

Confession

Merciful Savior, we confess that in the heat of the moment, we allow our tempers, our impatience and our selfishness to overcome the heart of goodness and compassion you have created within us. We respond in ways that hurt one another and do not honor you. We confess that though we long to have the mind of Christ and to respond in all situations as he has modeled for us, we sometimes fail. We are short-sighted, forgetful and fearful. We ask for your forgiveness, Lord. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and the love of all humankind. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, we have this assurance that Jesus Christ came into the world to forgive sinners. Hear the good news and rejoice: You are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *Cameroonian Choruses*

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #175 *Seek Ye First*

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 25:19-34 O.T. p. 21

SERMON "My Kingdom For Some Soup"

*HYMN #310 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* (v. 1-3)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing #546

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

POSTLUDE *Thy Word* M.W. Smith

"My Kingdom For Some Soup"
June 25, 2017 **Genesis 25:19-34**
Life Group Study Guide

Notes from Worship Service

1. Sibling Rivalry has been going on since, well I suppose since there were siblings.
2. Beyond the story of Jacob and Esau are the startling things it reveals about God.
3. What bothers us most is God chooses this scoundrel Jacob to carry on the covenant promise! How can this be? Jacob doesn't deserve the position.
4. First Lesson – None of us deserve our abilities, salvation or life itself.
5. Second Lesson – God is free to act as God pleases even if it goes against our human expectations.
6. Third Lesson – We have a God of promise and future.

Life Group Homework

1. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. What is a lesson you learned about sibling dynamics?
3. Tell about a time you struggled to understand what God was doing?

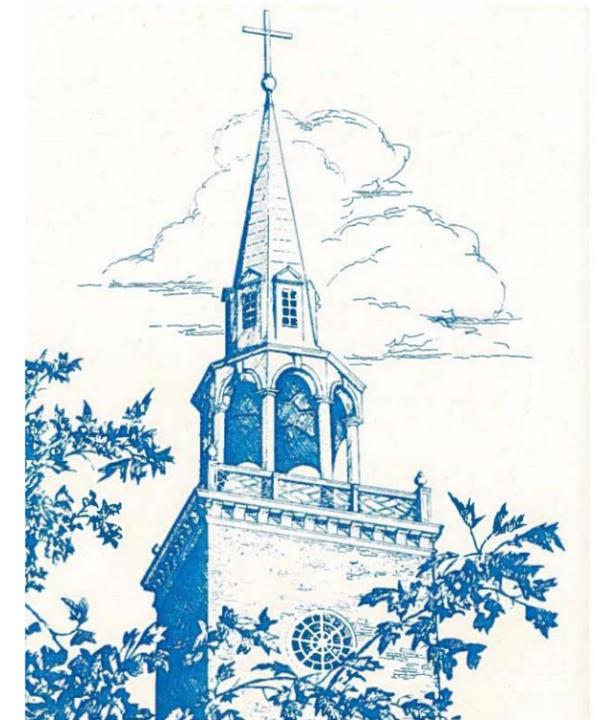
Read Genesis 25:19-34

4. How would you respond to the word Rebekah received?
5. How do you understand God's will in the story?
6. What future are you believing in at the moment?

Life Practice – Pray for all your family members this week, especially your siblings.

Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Changing lives through Christ



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2017 Theme Verse

"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." – Isaiah 40:31

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*Those who are able, please stand

+Appropriate time for the Ushers to seat latecomers