ORDER OF WORSHIP

CHIMES

MORNING GREETING

L: God has called here today to bless us with grace and mercy. May we always be grateful for God's never ending love for us.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REAPPOINTMENT OF REV. MELINDA TETER DODGE Gretchen Hardison & Mary Kate McBride

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

- L: We have gathered from our different places to worship here.
- P: How good it is to worship together in unity!
- L: We come from our different occupations, our diverse activities.
- P: How good it is to worship together in unity!
- L: We come as unique individuals, bound together in the love of Christ.
- P: How good it is to worship together in unity!

 Amen!

*OPENING HYMN

Freely, Freely - UMH # 389 (v. 1-2)

*GREETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC

Thankful (D. Foster, C. B. Sager and R. Page)

- Owen Lovejoy, soloist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS & CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Merciful God, we boldly pray to you, confident that you will not reject us. In spite of our human failings, your love continues to draw us together. Be with us today, as we rejoice in the power of your love. Sing with us today, as we proclaim the good news of your grace. Dance with us today, as we celebrate the unity we share in Christ. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ as we come to our time of silent prayer...

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer - UMH # 895

CENTERING HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee - UMH # 452 (v. 1-4)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

SERMON

Dream a Little Dream - Rev. Melinda Teter-Dodge

OFFERING

L: We have been blessed by the gifts God gives us. So too are we blessed when we share those gifts. **OFFERTORY**

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow - UMH # 94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

Cry of My Heart - TFWS # 2165 (v. 1-2)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(*) Please stand as you are able.

(UMH) is the blue <u>United Methodist Hymnal</u>

(TFWS) is black The Faith We Sing songbook

ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist: Brian Fisk

Director of Choirs: Anna DeMichele

Organist: James Petri Pianist: Jamie Dver

Audio/Visual Tech: Cameron Wilkinson Preaching: Rev. Melinda Teter-Dodge

GROW

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saving, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" - that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. ~ Genesis 37:12-28 ~

PRAY

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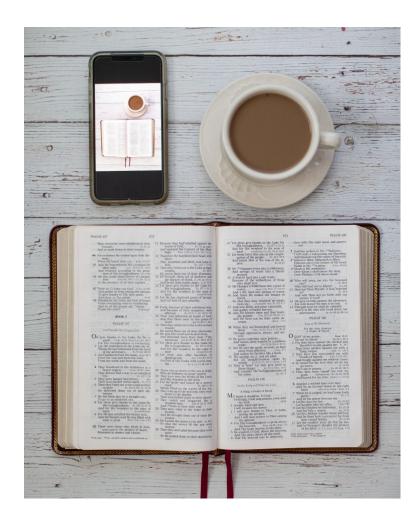
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MONDAY - John 1:19-28
TUESDAY - John 14:1-11
WEDNESDAY - Colossians 1:15-23
THURSDAY - John 6:66-71
FRIDAY - John 12:20-36
SATURDAY - John 11:1-16
SUNDAY - Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20



Sunday, August 20, 2023

DREAM A LITTLE DREAM

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