

Order of Worship: Sunday, January 16, 2022

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Prelude *The God of Abraham Praise* arr. G. Young
Gaye Herndon, organ

Welcome Rev. Kandace Brooks

Opening Prayer

We gather here in anticipation,
seeking an encounter with our Holy God,
who comes among us when we least expect it,
who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,
who richly blesses us, and calls us each by name.
Let's worship God together!

Opening Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* (UMH 64)

Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed* (UMH 881)

Gloria Patri

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Anthem *The Storm Is Passing Over* (arr. B.W. Baker) Se'lah

Children's Message

Scripture Genesis 32:22-32

²² 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. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ **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."** ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. ³² Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

Sermon FAMILY: It's Complicated

Closing Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (UMH 121)

Closing Prayer

As we go from here, we hear again the promises of God,
made long ago to our ancestor Jacob, and still true for us today:
I am the Lord your God, the God of Abraham and Isaac.
Know that I am with you, and will keep you wherever you go.
I will not leave you until I have done everything that I have promised.
Let's go from here in the assurance that our faithful God goes with us.

Postlude *Postlude on 'Nicaea'* (H. Hopson)