

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte Bringing in the light of Christ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Prelude *I Surrender All* arr. Chuck Marhonic  
Roger Pace, *alto saxophone*

Call to Worship Cathy Wilhelm

Leader: From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,

**All: God's Holy Name Be Praised.**

Leader: On the lips of children,

**All: God's Holy Name Be Praised.**

Leader: In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

**All: God's Holy Name Be Praised.**

Leader: In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,

**All: God's Holy Name Be Praised.**

Leader: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

**All: God's Holy Name Be Praised.**

Invocation Cathy Wilhelm

\* Hymn of Praise 16 *O Worship the King* LYONS  
The Sanctuary Ensemble

Old Testament Reading Cathy Wilhelm  
*Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23*  
(pages 22-23 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton

Moment of Gratitude Rev. Holly Hatton

Anthem *As Jacob with Travel* arr. Ovid Young  
The Sanctuary Ensemble

*As Jacob with travel was weary one day, at night on a stone for a pillow he lay. He saw in a vision a ladder so high that its foot was on earth and its top in the sky. Alleluia to Jesus, who died on a tree, and has raised up a ladder of mercy for me. The ladder is long, it is strong and well made, has stood hundreds of years and is not yet decayed. Many millions have climbed it and reached Zion's hill, and thousands by faith are climbing it still. Alleluia. . . And when we arrive at the haven of rest, we shall hear the glad words, "Come up hither, you blest. Here are regions of light, here are mansions of bliss." O who would not climb such a ladder as this. Alleluia. . .*

\* Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH  
The Sanctuary Ensemble

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Christ all creatures here below;*

*Praise Holy Spirit evermore;*

*Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

Old Testament Reading Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

*Genesis 28:10-17*  
(page 24 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

***Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Message Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel  
*Dreaming Out of Control*

Worship in Song *Standing Still* Sally Barris  
Tom Kimmel, *soloist*

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

The Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

***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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

\* Response 252 *Gloria Patri* GLORIA PATRI  
The Sanctuary Ensemble

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.*

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Hymn of Response 458 BETHANY

*Nearer, My God, to Thee*

The Sanctuary Ensemble

Commission and Blessing Cathy Wilhelm

Leader: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

**All: God's Holy Name Be Praised.**

\* Benediction Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

\* Acolyte Taking the light of Christ into the World

\* Postlude arr. Lyndell Leatherman

*When We All Get to Heaven*  
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Today's worship participants are soloists, Roger Pace and Tom Kimmel, and Cathy Wilhelm, a deacon and member of the Sanctuary Choir. Our music ensemble consists of choir members, Gayla Foscue, Doris Gill, Trudy Hatton, Tom Kimmel, Paul Martin, Marc Pendley, Tom Pitman, Sammy Rich, and Cathy Wilhelm.

### THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

We find ourselves in the season of the Christian Year known as Ordinary Time. This season of the Christian Year is marked with the color green because it is set aside as a season of growth and transformation. Our ministers' stoles and runner on the altar table represent life and growth while the Christ Candle and Bible remind us of the central role the light of Christ and the Word of God in Scripture play in our transformation during these "Great Green Growing Days."