

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26 2021

9:30 a.m.

“Be prepared to experience God in places that do not look especially religious.” ~ Terence Fretheim

WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

PRELUDE Jim Aylward

Folktune...Callahan-Aylward

(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. George Swanson

* HYMN OF PRAISE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God No. 288

(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn,
as it is sung on our behalf.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Please pray silently, as the worship leader prays on our behalf):

Loving God, we confess that we are more likely to seek You when we are in “Your House,” but we know that You also make Yourself known to us in the ordinary places. We watch for the extraordinary, the miraculous, and we miss seeing you in the everyday, common experiences of our lives. Forgive us, O God, and open our eyes to Your presence in unexpected places. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Those who wish may stand.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah... arr. Don Hustad
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist
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WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-22

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. Anne Swanson

“Unexpected Places”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SOLO

Richard Jackson

We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder

Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* CLOSING HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart No. 326

(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn,
as it is sung on our behalf).

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

(Please listen as the Benediction Response is sung on our behalf.)

Go Now in Peace ... Don Besig

POSTLUDE

Tribute...Manz-Aylward