



July 19, 2020
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Presbyterian Church of Lynn Haven

...Know that I am with you... ~ God

Prelude *Morning Song*

Gordon Young, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Chiming the Hour

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 86)

People of God, let us worship and praise the God of love and grace!

Let us give thanks with our whole beings and glorify God forever!

Great is God's steadfast love for us all.

God is with us, and we are blessed!

Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

Opening Prayer (*pray together*)

God of awesome moments and fearful challenges, give us an awareness of your presence in our lives. We have turned aside from our daily routines to worship you and to encounter your mystery. Bless us, we pray, with a sure sense of your presence, so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may rededicate ourselves to being your servants in the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

The Psalter Psalm 139:1-12; 23-23

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

3 You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

5 You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

7 Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
10 even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
12 even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
24 See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Special Music *Surely the Presence*

Lanny Wolfe, arr. B. Thoreson

Scripture Reading Genesis 28:10-19a

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. 11 He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. 12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; 14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. 15 Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." 16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" 17 And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." 18 So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. 19 He called that place Bethel.

The Message The Presence of God

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

...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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn *Lead Me, Guide Me*

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude *Near to the Heart of God*

C. McAfee, arr. L. Mayfield