

Immanuel United Church
October 16, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING STATEMENT AND PRAYER

Many years ago it was a dream of this congregation to build a sanctuary. Over the years, the dream changed and the church took a different path. This fall we will take up the process of discerning new dreams, and creating a new future for Immanuel United Church. Today we will hear the story of Jacob, an ancient forebear who also struggled to renew and rebuild his life, and in the process found a new relationship with the mystery he called God.

Let Us Pray:

Creator, guide us in this time of prayer, and in the journey we undertake as your people. May we be courageous companions, and intrepid adventurers, as we seek the future to which we are called. Surround us with your spirit and your Grace as we enter new times and new spaces.

AMEN.

HYMN MV #28 God of the Bible

MOMENT TO PONDER:

HYMN MV# 98 Like A River of Tears

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 32:22-31
 Luke 18:1-8

THE CHOIR ANTHEM: **The Lord is My Shepherd**

REFLECTION:

HYMN MV # 147 God Help Us To Treasure

OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER

Look around, the creation offers its bounty. Look around, the people of God are blessed with ideas, and ingenuity, and persistence. Look around, the bounty and the blessing are there to be shared for the good of all. Let us present our offerings.

SONG: MV27 Creator God, You Gave us Life v. 3

Prayer:

Holy One, we offer the work of our hands, the love of our hearts, the abundance of creation to be shared and spent in the renewing of your world. Bless these gifts and all our lives given in your service. AMEN.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
 may your name be made holy,
 may your dominion come,
 may your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the bread we need;
 and forgive us our debts,
 as we have forgiven our debtors;
 and do not put us to the test,
 but rescue us from evil.

For yours is the dominion, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN VU# 417 God As We Rise to Leave

Blessing

Postlude