

# *Seventh Sunday of Pentecost*

July 19, 2020



## **Common Worship shared by:**

Christ Church, United Church of Christ Ft. Thomas, KY  
First Presbyterian Church Ft. Thomas, KY  
St. John United Church of Christ Bellevue, KY  
St. John's United Church of Christ Newport, KY

## **Today's Worship Leaders:**

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode, Christ Church  
Rev. Keith M. Haithcock, St. John Church Bellevue  
Steve Milloy, St. John Church Bellevue  
Talia Broering Zoll, Christ Church  
Toni Sheffer, Christ Church  
Pam Rieke, First Presbyterian Church Ft. Thomas  
Seokgi Hong, St. John's Church Newport  
Yohan Kim, St. John's Church Newport  
Dobin Park, St. John's Church Newport  
Charles Hawkins, St. John's Church Newport  
Michael Sullivan, St. John's Church Newport

# Order of Service

**Prelude** “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing and Be Thou My Vision” -Arr. Sun Ahn  
Seokgi Hong, violin; Yohan Kim, cello; Dobin Park, piano

**Welcome**

Edward Goode

**Call to Worship**

Charles Hawkins

**God you speak to us in dreams of promises and blessings,  
that you are with us, present and near.**

**We think to ourselves, the LORD is here and we did not know it.**

**Let us respond to God’s promises and blessings today in joyful worship.**

**May we hear God, see God, and respond to God today and each day.**

**Let us worship God!**

**Opening Hymn**

“We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

Steve Milloy, piano & vocal leader

**We are climbing Jacob’s ladder, we are climbing Jacob’s ladder,  
we are climbing Jacob’s ladder, bearers of the cross.**

**Every round goes higher, higher, every round goes higher, higher,  
every round goes higher, higher, bearers of the cross.**

**Rise, shine, give God glory, rise, shine, give God glory,  
rise, shine, give God glory, bearers of the cross.**

**Scripture**

Genesis 28.10-19a (New Revised Standard Version)

Edward Goode

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. 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. 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. 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; 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. 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." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place--and I did not know it!" 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."

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. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

## Children's Time

Pam Rieke

## Sermon

*"Waking Up"*

Keith M. Haithcock

## Offertory

"Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"

Talia Broering Zoll, vocal; Toni Sheffer, piano

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## Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Pam Rieke

Gracious God, we are grateful for this Bethel, this house of encounter with you. We know that you are not confined but rather you break through to all the different people at altars throughout the whole world. We thank you this day for those who have taken action to share your love with us; love through doing and reminding us that we are not alone but that you are with us even when all we have is fear and a stone for a pillow. Help us to not be fearful and stuck in the routines of our work. Wake us up, O God, and give us a new vision, a new vocation and calling for our lives. Empower us to stop talking and start doing, so that with the vision of Jacob's ladder your realm and our world might become one. Thus, we pray with Jesus who taught us...

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the

bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

## Spiritual

“Glory, Glory Hallelujah” Steve Milloy, piano & vocal leader

1. **Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.**  
Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.
2. **I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burdens down...**
3. **Feel like shouting “Hallelujah!” since I laid my burdens down...**
4. **I am dancing Miriam’s dance now, since I laid my burdens down...**
5. **I am climbing Jacob’s ladder, since I laid my burdens down...**
6. **Every round goes higher and higher, since I laid my burdens down...**

## Benediction

Edward Goode

## Postlude

“Festive Trumpet Tune” -David German

Michael Sullivan, organ

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