

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 26, 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
Max Gise, Christ Church
Steve Milloy, St. John Church Bellevue
Pam Rieke, First Presbyterian Church Ft. Thomas
Melissa Stephens, St. John Church Bellevue
Kelly Kuhnhein, Christ Church
Talia Broering Zoll, Christ Church
Toni Sheffer, Christ Church
Dobin Park, St. John's Church Newport
Michael Sullivan, St. John's Church Newport

Order of Service

Prelude

"Be Thou Vision" -Arr. Gise/Milloy
Max Gise, guitar; Steve Milloy, piano

Welcome

Keith M. Haithcock

Call to Worship (Psalm 105, The Inclusive Bible)

Pam Rieke

Alleluia!

Give thanks to Our God,
and call on God's name;
proclaim God's deeds among the peoples!

Sing to God, sing praise,
and tell of all God's marvels!

Glory in God's holy Name;
let the hearts that seek Our God rejoice!

Opening Hymn

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"
Dobin Park, vocal leader; Michael Sullivan, organ

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spirits meek,
raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as you go,
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

Scripture

Genesis 29.15-28 (New Revised Standard Version)

Melissa Stephens

Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two

daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country--giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Children's Time

Kelly Kuhnhein

Sermon

"God's Chosen"

Keith M. Haithcock

Offertory

"Revelation Song"

Talia Broering Zoll, vocal; Toni Sheffer, piano

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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Ed Goode

God of grace and generosity, we are grateful for the gifts that you give us: life, skills, talents, family, and so much more. Sometimes we hope and dream for something or someone, and even though we have done all we can to realize those dreams, life, like Laban deceiving Jacob in today's lesson, deceives us with an alternative. Help us to find our way through such challenges. Show us your ways and teach us to seize a higher road than deception so that we may honor you and all others. As you choose us to be your people, help us to live out love and forgiveness with our family,

neighbors, strangers, and refugees among us. As you choose us, we too choose you. Thus, we pray with Jesus who taught us...

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Closing Song

“Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us”

Steve Milloy, piano & vocal leader

**Like a mother who has borne us, held us close in her delight,
Fed us freely from her body, God has called us into life.**

**Like a father who has taught us, grasped our hand and been our guide,
Lifted us and healed our sorrows, God has walked with us in life.**

**Though as children we have wandered, placed our trust in power and might,
Left behind our brothers, sisters, God still calls us into life.**

**When we offer food and comfort, grasp our neighbor’s hand in love,
Tread the path of peace and justice, God still walks with us in life**

Benediction

Keith M. Haithcock

Postlude

Postlude on “Old Hundredth”

Michael Sullivan, organ

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