

Questions to Think About

Genesis 37 reminds us that God can be working even when circumstances appear to be moving in the wrong direction. Joseph's journey begins with betrayal and suffering, but God had a larger purpose for his life. Consider these questions:

1. What do Joseph's dreams reveal about God's plans for his life?
2. How might Joseph's behavior have contributed to his brothers' resentment?
3. How do you think Joseph felt when his brothers turned against him?
4. What can Joseph's experience teach me about remaining faithful during difficult circumstances?
5. Why is it sometimes difficult to trust God when circumstances seem to be getting worse?
6. What does Joseph's story teach me about trusting God when I cannot see the outcome?
7. How do I respond when life doesn't go according to my plans?
8. What difficult situation am I facing that I need to place in God's hands?

A central thought for reflection:

Genesis 37 encourages us to recognize the destructive power of jealousy and deception while reminding us that difficult circumstances do not mean God has abandoned His purposes.



GRAND LAKES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Connecting & Transforming Lives in Christ

October 18, 2026

We are so glad you are here to worship God with us!
During the time of musical prelude, consider offering a silent prayer for our service of worship this morning.



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Order of Worship

Musical Prelude

Bev Wanner

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Tyler Henderson

***Hymn** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” #225 (vs 1, 2, &3)

*Call to Worship

Leader: God’s faithful love endures forever and ever.

People: Because the goodness of God is everlasting and everlasting, we offer God our thanks and praise!

Leader: God’s faithful love endures forever and ever.

People: Because of God’s transforming love in Jesus Christ, we gather as a community of faith to sing our songs of praise.

Leader: With joy and gratitude, we lift our voices in grateful praise! Let us worship God!

***Hymn** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” #215 (vs 1, 2 &4)

Children’s Choir “Joyful Noise”

(Afterwards kids may go to Children’s Worship in Faith Express)

Prayer of Praise and Confession

Righteous and Glorious God, we acknowledge that we often ignore our sin. We confess that too often we fail to confess. We tolerate the sin that clings to us. We accept the transgressions that weigh us down. Forgive us, O Lord. Through Jesus, take away our iniquity. May we hold fast to You, our stronghold. May we be glad in You, our strength. Hear now our personal prayers of confession...

(A time is given for a silent personal confession.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri**

“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!” (Psalm 118:24)

Sermon Text

Genesis 37:1-36

Sermon

“The Pit and the Pathway!”

Rev. Dr. Rick Myers

***Hymn** “Revive Us Again” #434 (vs 1, 2, &4)

A Time for Prayer

Dedicating Ourselves to God

Ordination & Installation of Deacons

Deacons: Cassandra Harmond and Cherie McWilliams

*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Sending Hymn** “I Am Thine, O Lord” #552 (vs 1, 3 &4)

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

Ushers: Christianna Toler, Chad & Lorna Jennische, Maureen Woodruff