

**September 26, 2021 Worship Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost**

Welcome

Songs: *Step By Step; Sing to the King*

Call to Worship:

L: God created all things.

C: We celebrate all that God created when we gather.

L: We celebrate the radical love of a God

C: That needs no sacrifice,

L: That needs no blood to be spilled,

C: That puts humanity first.

L: Whether we enter this worship space with clear hearts or the
burden of sin,

C: We are welcome in this place.

L: God continues to keep God's promises,

C: And we come to God's house ready to put our trust in God.

L: As Samuel living in the house of the Lord,

C: We come together to live, work, and serve for you.

L: We gather to lift our praise and thanksgiving through our worship,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

A: Amen!

Songs: *The Wonderful Cross, When It's All Been Said and Done*

Scripture Reading: *Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17*

Children's Message

Message: *Chosen*

Songs: *Everlasting God*

Affirmation of Faith (9:00)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

Offering

We are stewards of everything that you have made. Receive these fruits of our labors that we bring to you, seeking your blessing. Bless these gifts as you have blessed the givers. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Confession

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Creator of all things,

C: We have failed to care for all that you have made. We have squandered resources and oppressed others. Forgive us for what we have done and have failed to do. Teach us how to be steward of your

creation with care and nurture. Please forgive these sins and also the sins we lift now in silence...

L: Our God will always love all that God has made. Although we sin, God forgives us and so as a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority alone, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins. You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! Receive now this forgiveness as a gift from a loving God. In the name of Jesus we pray.

A: Amen!

Communion

Blessings abound in this meal prepared for God's children. Blessings await to be granted to those who are willing to receive them. May this meal feed us for the long journey ahead. Come share in this meal of abundant blessing.

Song: *In the Secret*

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

As we go from here, hear again the promises of God,
made long ago to our ancestor Jacob,
and still true for us today:

I am the Lord your God,
the God of Abraham and Isaac.
Know that I am with you,
and will keep you wherever you go.
I will not leave you
until I have done everything that I have promised.

Leave this time of worship in the assurance that our faithful God goes
with us. We leave as chosen people, in the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

A: Amen!

Song: *We Want to See Jesus Lifted High*

Dismissal

L: This worship service is over. Now let the service to others begin. Let
us go in peace to love and serve our Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Next Sunday: *Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17*

A few questions to consider throughout the week ...

- What is a trickster character?
- How is Jacob a trickster character?
- How perfect must we be to be chosen by God?
- What has God chosen you for?