



**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

The National Presbyterian Church

*We confess, O God, that we do not always love you above all things, and because we are so interested in ourselves we do not always love our neighbor. We confess discontentment with so many things: we have longed for different families, we would like to forget our past, we block out feelings that overwhelm us, and wish we had more time or more money to make things better. We often envy others, resent the injustices we have suffered, and feel we are not understood by those we love. Forgive us, God, for our sins, and help to heal the distance we have put between ourselves and others, and between ourselves and you. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

\*Hymn 582 (v. 1) Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 17:1-7, 15**

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**Anthem**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit  
Vocal Quartet

arr. Jack Hale

**Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Genesis 32:22-31**

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**Sermon "The Man Who Wrestled with God:  
Transition, Trauma, Transformation"**

The Rev. Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer

**\*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 Ghost, 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 on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer "debts . . . debtors"

Hymnal, Page 35

Call to Offering

Offertory

My Lord What a Morning  
Members of the Sanctuary Ringers

arr. Diane McAninch

\*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

All who put their trust in Jesus are invited to partake of the sacrament. When directed by the minister, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the elements. The bread will be on a plate and the juice will be provided in cups – please take the bread and the cup for yourself. You may take the elements as you receive them, or return with them to your seat so all may partake of them together. Gluten-free bread is available in the cup at the center of the tray.

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn

EDELWEISS

\*Benediction

Postlude

He Comes To Us as One Unknown arr. Thomas Keesecker

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*This morning's plate offering (gifts received in cash) is designated for the work of our Board of Deacons, which coordinates important ministries of congregational care and compassion. Please remember them in your giving today and on the first Sunday in the months to come.*

Worship Leaders today are The Rev. Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer  
and Elder and Deacon Co-Moderator Lissa MacCallum.

Our ushers this morning are Shannon Kostrowski, Jack Kostrowski, and Gage Johnson.

Thank you to our tabulators and processor Carolyn Smith and Sandy Batten.

Special thanks to Craig Duke  
for his technical assistance today.

**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: August 7 – 12, 2023**

**Tuesday**

9:00 am Staff Meeting,  
Staff Conf. Rm.

**Friday**

Office Closes at 2:00 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY, August 13, 2023**

10:00 am **Worship, Halldorson Chapel**

11:00 am Lemonade and Fellowship, Mulford Hall

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# 386 Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

Unison

1. Come, O thou Trav - el - er un - known,  
 2. I need not tell thee who I am,  
 3. Yield to me now, for I am weak,  
 4. 'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me,

whom still I hold, but can - not see!  
 my mis - er - y and sin de - clare;  
 but con - fi - dent in self - de - spair!  
 I hear thy whis - per in my heart.

My com - pa - ny be - fore is gone,  
 thy - self hast called me by my name,  
 Speak to my heart, in bless - ing speak,  
 The morn - ing breaks, the shad - ows flee,

and I am left a - lone with thee.  
 look on thy hands and read it there.  
 be con - quered by my in - stant prayer.  
 pure, U - ni - ver - sal Love thou art.

With thee all night I mean to stay,  
 But who, I ask thee, who art thou?  
 Speak, or thou never hence shalt move,  
 To me, to all, thy mercies move;

and wres - tle till the break of day;  
 Tell me thy name, and tell me now.  
 and tell me if thy name is Love.  
 thy na - ture and thy name is Love.

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*\*Closing Hymn*

TUNE: EDELWEISS

*May the Lord, mighty God,  
bless and keep you forever,  
Grant you peace, perfect peace,  
courage in every endeavor.*

*Lift up your eyes and see God's face,  
full of grace forever,*

*May the Lord, mighty God,  
bless and keep you forever.*



## Jacob Wrestling with the Angel

Genesis 32:22-31

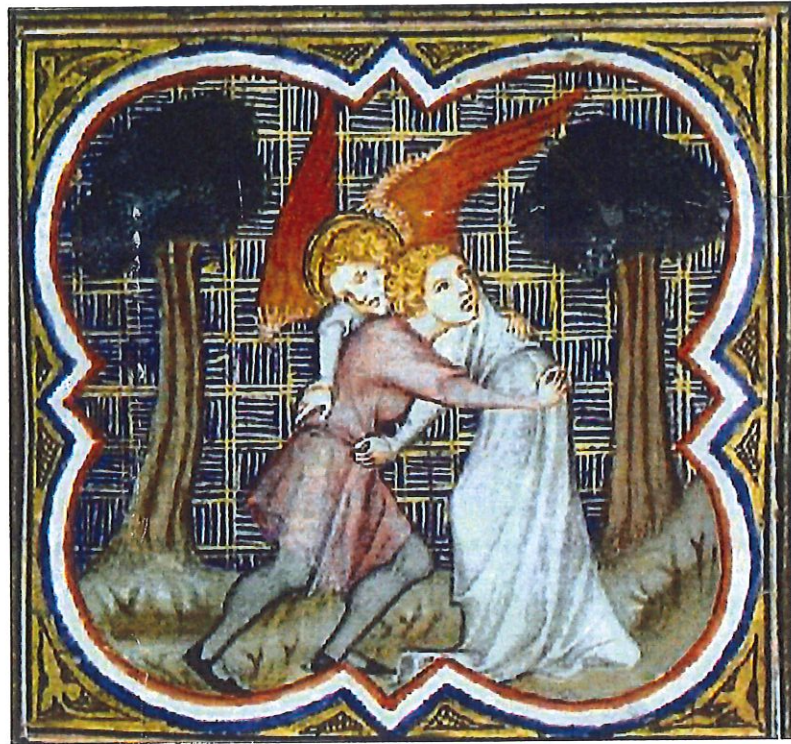
The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything he had. Jacob was left alone and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please, tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.



# Jacob Wrestling with the Angel



Marc Chagall, 1966  
National Museum Marc Chagall, *Nice*



Unknown Illustrator of Comestor's Bible Historiale, 1372



Gutenberg Bible, 1558



Rembrandt van Rijn, 1659  
Gemäldegalerie, *Berlin*



Andrea Brustolon, 1700-1710

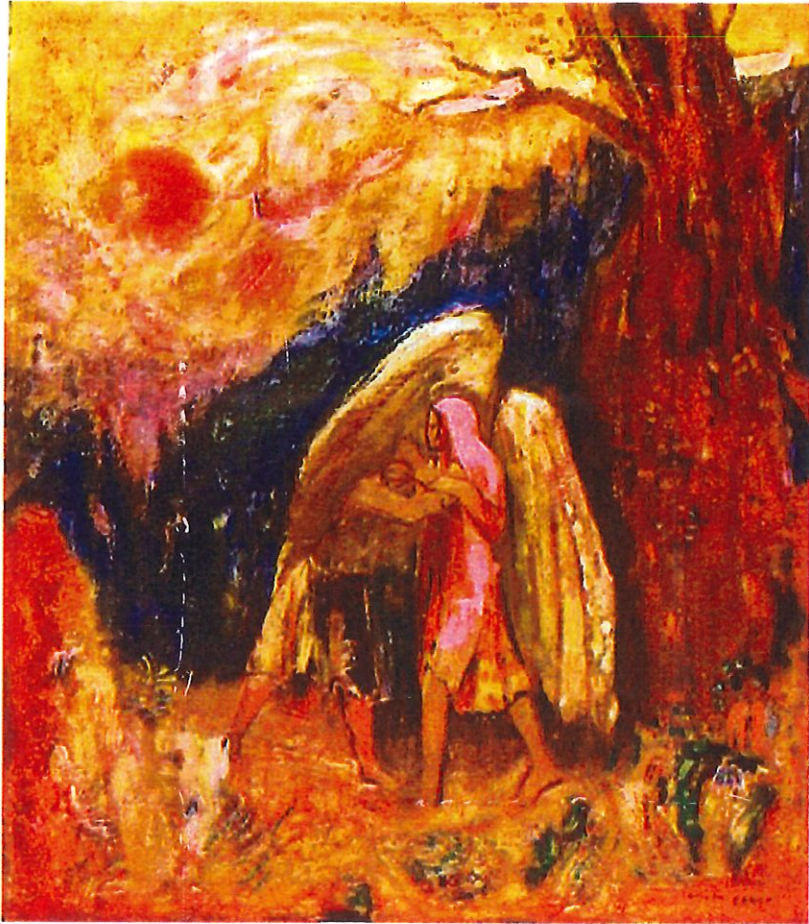
Liebieghaus, *Frankfurt*



Eugene Delacroix, 1850  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, *New York*



Paul Gauguin, 1888  
Scottish National Gallery, *Edinburgh*



Odilon Redon, 1905  
Private Collection



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**August 6, 2023**

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today.  
Please let an usher or a minister know if we can assist you in any way.

## TODAY AT CHURCH

**10:00 am** Worship, Halldorson Chapel  
**11:00 am** Lemonade and Fellowship, Mulford Hall  
**Faith Forward: Assembling the Backpacks  
for Project Readiness NJ, Mulford Hall**



## CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in celebration of our four beautiful grandsons: Rolland, James, Teddy and Charlie. They are a blessing and we love them dearly, by Rick & Deb Ahsler.

## BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE

**Today at 11:00 am in Mulford Hall**

This morning after worship we'll assemble the backpacks during a special summer Faith Forward event following worship at 11:00 am. Our church is again partnering with Project Readiness NJ to provide backpacks to children in need. We've been given a list of 15 high school children who are living under Foster Care who will need a backpack full of school supplies for the upcoming year. Thank you to all who donated!

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN TENDING & HARVESTING: Help Needed!**

Each week, produce will be picked and shared with Helping Hands for their weekly food distribution on Wednesday afternoons. Volunteers are needed to help with weeding, watering and harvesting one week at a time throughout the summer. To volunteer, you can go to our website and scroll down to the bottom of our home page to find News and Announcements where you will see a link to sign up. **We need volunteers for August & September!**

### **FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the Deacon's flower ministry. We have several Sundays available this summer and throughout the end of the year. If you would like to place a dedication, you may go to our website to sign up or you can call the church office at (973) 635-2340 or email Gloria. You may also sign up on the flower chart in the upper lobby.

### **SUMMER SERMON SERIES**

The summer sermon series on Family Reversals/Family Dynamics resumes this morning with a sermon by Rev. Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer and then continues through September 3.

### **MUSIC NOTES**

You can read all the music notes  
for today's worship service by  
using this QR code

