

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome

*Passing the Peace

*Prelude *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For* by U2

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sometimes, O God, we feel like Jacob, wrestling with angels.

People: Strengthen us.

Leader: Sometimes we feel battered and broken.

People: Touch us.

Leader: Sometimes we grow so weary in the struggle.

People: Refresh us.

Leader: Together, let us seek the face of the Divine.

*Opening Hymn #2001 (insert) *We Sing to You, O God*

*Centering Prayer

O God, we praise your name and give thanks for your creative power. We come here in need of an authentic encounter with you. Like Jacob wrestling with the angel, let this hour of worship be a time of sacred struggle. Help us to grapple with the mysteries of our faith with vigor and purpose. And bless and transform us in the process. Give us a heart to serve you in all things. Amen

Wilderness Escape

VBS Kids

Psalter Reading

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

(insert)

Sermon

“What’s Your Name?”
Text: Genesis 32:22-31 (CEV)

Rev. Bates

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Gracious God, God of manna in the desert, God who nourished a hungry crowd with loaves and fishes, we admit that we find it difficult to trust your abundance. We hoard what we have because it makes us feel secure. We keep score within our relationships, filing away mental tallies of our own good works and the shortcomings of others. We are happy to follow Christ — to a point. And when confronted

by the gospel or challenged in our complacency, we make excuses. Forgive us, O God. Help us to trust your grace that defies logic; help us to live in your extravagant love and boundless mercy. Give us the will to live all of life in service to you, our strength and Redeemer.

(continue to pray in silence)

Offering & Offertory

Ave Verum Corpus by Mozart

*Doxology (#94)

The Great Thanksgiving (UMH pg. 17)

The Lord’s Prayer (Kriewald)

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Receiving

Thank you, merciful God, for the bounty of your creation — for the gifts of the field and vine that nourish our bodies, souls and hearts. Sustained by this meal and the assurance of your grace through our Lord, Jesus Christ, may our lives reflect your presence and may you be our priority. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #374

Standing on the Promises

*Commission and Blessing

Leader: Go out to wrestle with God and the world this week.

Know that God intends that you will feel blessed.

People: We believe that God preserves our lives.

All we have is a gift to us from our Creator.

Leader: Call on God in times of need.

Listen as God calls your name; listen for the answers God supplies.

People: God keeps covenant with us at all times.

We will seek to keep our promises to God

All: Amen and Amen!

*Postlude

He Never Failed Me Yet by Robert Ray

**Please Stand As You Are Able*
