

# Faith United Methodist Church

October 4, 2020



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

#451

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
...Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

Scripture Reading

Genesis 37

Meanwhile Jacob had settled down where his father had lived, the land of Canaan.

<sup>2</sup> This is the story of Jacob. The story continues with Joseph, seventeen years old at the time, helping out his brothers in herding the flocks. These were his half brothers actually, the sons of his father's wives Bilhah and Zilpah. And Joseph brought his father bad reports on them.

<sup>3-4</sup> Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he was the child of his old age. And he made him an elaborately embroidered coat. When his brothers realized that their father loved him more than them, they grew to hate him—they wouldn't even speak to him.

<sup>5-7</sup> Joseph had a dream. When he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said, "Listen to this dream I had. We were all out in the field gathering bundles of wheat. All of a sudden my bundle stood straight up and your bundles circled around it and bowed down to mine."

<sup>8</sup> His brothers said, "So! You're going to rule us? You're going to boss us around?" And they hated him more than ever because of his dreams and the way he talked.

<sup>9</sup> He had another dream and told this one also to his brothers: "I dreamed another dream—the sun and moon and eleven stars bowed down to me!"

<sup>10-11</sup> When he told it to his father and brothers, his father

reprimanded him: “What’s with all this dreaming? Am I and your mother and your brothers all supposed to bow down to you?” Now his brothers were really jealous; but his father brooded over the whole business.

<sup>12-13</sup> His brothers had gone off to Shechem where they were pasturing their father’s flocks. Israel said to Joseph, “Your brothers are with flocks in Shechem. Come, I want to send you to them.”

Joseph said, “I’m ready.”

<sup>14</sup> He said, “Go and see how your brothers and the flocks are doing and bring me back a report.” He sent him off from the valley of Hebron to Shechem.

<sup>15</sup> A man met him as he was wandering through the fields and asked him, “What are you looking for?”

<sup>16</sup> “I’m trying to find my brothers. Do you have any idea where they are grazing their flocks?”

<sup>17</sup> The man said, “They’ve left here, but I overheard them say, ‘Let’s go to Dothan.’” So Joseph took off, tracked his brothers down, and found them in Dothan.

<sup>18-20</sup> They spotted him off in the distance. By the time he got to them they had cooked up a plot to kill him. The brothers were saying, “Here comes that dreamer. Let’s kill him and throw him into one of these old cisterns; we can say that a vicious animal ate him up. We’ll see what his dreams amount to.”

<sup>21-22</sup> Reuben heard the brothers talking and intervened to save him, “We’re not going to kill him. No murder. Go ahead and throw him in this cistern out here in the wild, but don’t hurt him.” Reuben planned to go back later and get him out and take him back to his father.

<sup>23-24</sup> When Joseph reached his brothers, they ripped off the fancy coat he was wearing, grabbed him, and threw him into a cistern. The cistern was dry; there wasn’t any water in it.

<sup>25-27</sup> Then they sat down to eat their supper. Looking up, they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites on their way from Gilead, their camels loaded with spices, ointments, and perfumes to sell in Egypt. Judah said, “Brothers, what are we going to get out of killing our brother and concealing the evidence? Let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites, but let’s not kill him—he is, after all, our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed.

<sup>28</sup> By that time the Midianite traders were passing by. His brothers pulled Joseph out of the cistern and sold him for twenty pieces of silver to the Ishmaelites who took Joseph with them down to Egypt.

<sup>29-30</sup> Later Reuben came back and went to the cistern—no Joseph! He ripped his clothes in despair. Beside himself, he went to his brothers. “The boy’s gone! What am I going to do!”

31-32 They took Joseph's coat, butchered a goat, and dipped the coat in the blood. They took the fancy coat back to their father and said, "We found this. Look it over—do you think this is your son's coat?"

33 He recognized it at once. "My son's coat—a wild animal has eaten him. Joseph torn limb from limb!"

34-35 Jacob tore his clothes in grief, dressed in rough burlap, and mourned his son a long, long time. His sons and daughters tried to comfort him but he refused their comfort. "I'll go to the grave mourning my son." Oh, how his father wept for him.

36 In Egypt the Midianites sold Joseph to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, manager of his household affairs.

Hymn

*Have Thine Own Way Lord*

#382

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
while I am waiting, yielded and still.  
... while I am waiting, yielded and still.*

Scripture Reading

Genesis 39

After Joseph had been taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelites, Potiphar an Egyptian, one of Pharaoh's officials and the manager of his household, bought him from them.

2-6 As it turned out, God was with Joseph and things went very well with him. He ended up living in the home of his Egyptian master. His master recognized that God was with him, saw that God was working for good in everything he did. He became very fond of Joseph and made him his personal aide. He put him in charge of all his personal affairs, turning everything over to him. From that moment on, God blessed the home of the Egyptian—all because of Joseph. The blessing of God spread over everything he owned, at home and in the fields, and all Potiphar had to concern himself with was eating three meals a day.

6-7 Joseph was a strikingly handsome man. As time went on, his master's wife became infatuated with Joseph and one day said, "Sleep with me."

8-9 He wouldn't do it. He said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master doesn't give a second thought to anything that goes on here—he's put me in charge of everything he owns. He treats me as an equal. The only thing he hasn't turned over to me is you. You're his wife, after all! How could I violate his trust and sin against God?"

10 She pestered him day after day after day, but he stood his ground. He refused to go to bed with her.

11-15 On one of these days he came to the house to do his work and none of the household servants happened to be there. She grabbed him by his cloak, saying, "Sleep with me!" He left his coat in her hand and ran out of the house. When she realized that he had left his coat in her hand and run outside, she called to her house servants: "Look—this Hebrew shows up and before you know it he's trying to seduce us. He tried to make love to me but I yelled as loud as I could. With all my yelling and screaming, he left his coat beside me here and ran outside."  
16-18 She kept his coat right there until his master came home. She told him the same story. She said, "The Hebrew slave, the one you brought to us, came after me and tried to use me for his plaything. When I yelled and screamed, he left his coat with me and ran outside."  
19-23 When his master heard his wife's story, telling him, "These are the things your slave did to me," he was furious. Joseph's master took him and threw him into the jail where the king's prisoners were locked up. But there in jail God was still with Joseph: He reached out in kindness to him; he put him on good terms with the head jailer. The head jailer put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners—he ended up managing the whole operation. The head jailer gave Joseph free rein, never even checked on him, because God was with him; whatever he did God made sure it worked out for the best.

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

**Response: Thanks Be to God. Amen.**

Children's Time

Special Music

Witness

*Dreams & Disasters*

Response to the Word –

Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light to be the body of Christ in the World.

**Now with the Holy Spirit may we live our faith as we tell our story.**

Prayers for the World & the Gifts of the Community

Hymn

*On Eagle's Wings*

#143

*And God will raise you up on Eagle's wings.  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God's hands.*

Benediction

**Prayer List**  
**Those affected by Hurricane Laura**

Margaret Arceneaux  
Paul Arceneaux, Jr.  
Sidney Arceneaux  
*Family of Darlene Ard*  
Kim Craigen Ard  
Lucian Adams  
Dolores Anderson  
Natalie Avery  
Johnny & Ovelia Battaglio  
Linda Bergen  
Lloyd Betar  
Mary Bevil  
Bonnie Blankenship  
Henry Blevins  
Donna Suppa Bolton  
Jo Bordeaux  
Pat Borel  
Glenda Brooks  
Jean Brooks  
Ann Campbell  
Norma Campbell  
Robert & Roxie Castilaw  
Jared Castolenia  
Beulah Cathey  
Tana Champeau  
Rebecca Chance  
Billie Cherry  
Kim Wilber Conn  
Derick Cooper  
Kyle & Beth Craigen  
Dakota Crutchfield  
Jimmy & Emily Davis

Paula Davis  
Bobbye Dean  
Mary Delafosse  
JoAnn Docken  
Tammy Dufour  
Julie Duplichan  
Rachel Edmondson  
Joe Floyd  
*Family of Peggy Gibson*  
Lorene Green  
Rachel Grimmett  
Kathy Guidry  
Connie Hebert  
MaryJo Hebert  
Edna & Raymond Jones  
Alice Kethley  
Kristie Key  
Clyde Landry  
Gail Lauve  
Christi Leblanc  
*Family of Jim Leblanc*  
Fred Ledesma  
Alice & Louis Loftin  
Orianna Marchand  
Matt Markos  
*Family of Mandi "Hamilton" Marks*  
Barbara Martin  
Lloyd Martin  
Linda Meyers  
Maribeth Moore  
Jimmy Mott  
Ron & Michelle Mueller  
Joyce Murphy

Arnold Northcut  
Kelly Simmons Owens  
Jim Padgett  
John & Candance Perkins  
Melva Phillips  
Harlan Phipps  
Alfred Pierson  
Mercedes Pierson  
Justin Plake  
John Pool  
Kenny Puckett  
Buddy Renkema  
Nikki Castilaw Rice  
Edward Rivet  
Randy & Darlene Rivett  
*Family of Betty Romero*  
Ezekiel Romero  
Misti Sanchez  
Joann Savelle  
Jim & Loretta Shearer  
Brooke Simon  
Harriet Simpson  
James Sowell  
Kim Streed  
Bob Taylor  
*Family of June Waits*  
Sadina Hammock Ward  
Mary Alice Weitzel  
Mary Rose Williams  
JR Wise, Jr.  
Gail Wright  
Greta Zerasky



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We are called to be:

**Transformed** by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

**Engaged** with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

**Celebrate**, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

**Share** the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

Attributes

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