

**Order of the Worship Service**  
**September 7, 2025, 10:00am**  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**John Welton, preaching**

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life

\*Call to Worship

One: We gather here in anticipation,

**All: seeking an encounter with our Holy God,**

One: who comes among us when we least expect it,

**All: who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,**

One: Who richly blesses us, and calls us each by name.

**All: Let us worship God together!**

\*Opening Hymn 469

MORNING HAS BROKEN

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Merciful God, the story of Jacob shows your willingness to enter into the messiness of our human struggles—into fractured relationships, family differences, un-reconciled situations with people we care about.**

**Yet we confess that too often we hold on because we do not want to loosen our grip on our possessions and our selfish desires.**

**Often we fear that our very lives will be dislocated by your kingdom values of justice, mercy and peace.**

**Help us to wrestle with the conflicting values, desires and pressures that confront us daily so that we can unclench our hands and open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Only then can we fully embrace others in their pain—and be embraced—in the name of Christ....**

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: May the God of the law guide us in living lives that keep the covenant of love.

**All: May we respond in love to the Spirit and change. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen**

\*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

Invitation to Children's church

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

*Genesis 32:22-32*

Sermon

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Communion Anthem (Glory to God, vs. 1,4, 5, and 6)

BRING MANY NAMES

*Sanctuary Choir, Atlee Beam, director*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .**

Words of Institution

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn 540

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

Blessing