

ONLINE WORSHIP August 2, 2020

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK – Matthew 14: 19b – 20a

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled.

WELCOME/CHECKING IN

Where do you... see God? Need God? Feel Joy? Feel Gratitude?

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP –

L: Welcome to worship this day. Some have come seeking; some have come struggling

P: Lord, be with each one of us today. Feed our hearts and souls with your transforming love.

L: God is truly with you all today, guiding, lifting, feeding, restoring your souls.

A: Praise be to God who continually abides with us. AMEN.

Ministries Matter

GATHERING UNISON PRAYER

As the crowds followed Jesus, eager to be filled with hope, we come this day to this place, seeking nourishments for our souls. We hunger and thirst for the word of hope and truth, but our lives are battered by anger and hostility. Our hearts are filled with concerns for family and friends, for our country and our world. We don't see how we can be of help to others. Sit us down, as Jesus seated the multitude. Calm us down, as Jesus reassured the disciples that all would receive care. Lift us up, as Jesus encouraged others to reach out in compassion. Give us hearts of confident faith in your presence, O Lord. AMEN.

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HYMN – “Sweet Hour of Prayer” UMH #496 vs. 1, 2, 3

KINGDOM TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC –

“Blessings” by Laura Story

Sung by Debbie Merrick, accompanied by Phyllis Kruell, Asbury UMC

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 32:22-31

Jacob Wrestles at Peniel

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

²⁵When 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. ²⁶Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” ²⁷So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face

to face, and yet my life is preserved.”³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Matthew 14:13-21

Feeding the Five Thousand

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

MESSAGE- “Blessings from the Empty Places”

INVITATION TO GIVE TO THE LIVING CHRIST, OURSELVES, OUR LOVE AND OUR GIFTS

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings:

Please mail your offering to: Northwood UMC, P.O. Box 295, Esko, MN 55733

DOXOLOGY – “We Are So Blessed” Celebration Hymnal #795

SHARE THE MEAL/LOVE FEAST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN – “Grace Alone” FWS #2162 vs. 1,2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION/DISMISSAL

DISMISSAL HYMN “Song of Hope” FWS #2186