



August 6, 2023 (Tenth Sunday After Pentecost)

Perseverance, suffering/sacrifice, repentance, and becoming

Prelude "The Gift of Love" arr. Hopson
Harriet Coppoc, flute Melanie Manges, piano

Welcome The peace of the risen Christ be with you. **Len Wilson**
And also with you.

Greeting One Another

Call to Worship

What brings us joy?

What slows us down?

What gives us hope?

What makes us think?

What invites us to wonder?

What makes us change?

Might it have something to do with the Holy?

Let us worship God.¹

Hymn "The Gift of Love" #397

Opening Prayer

Hymn "Change My Heart, O God" #373
(During the hymn, the ushers will collect prayer cards.)

Invitation to Prayer **Len Wilson**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer **Chaplain David Mills**

Scripture

Genesis 32:22-32

22-23 But during the night he got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He got them safely across the brook along with all his possessions. 24-25 But Jacob stayed behind by himself, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he couldn't get the best of Jacob as they wrestled, he deliberately threw Jacob's hip out of joint. 26 The man said, "Let me go; it's daybreak." Jacob said, "I'm not letting you go 'til you bless me." 27 The man said, "What's your name?" He answered, "Jacob." 28 The man said, "But no longer. Your name is no longer Jacob. From now on it's Israel (God-Wrestler); you've wrestled with God and you've come through." 29 Jacob asked, "And what's your name?" The man said, "Why do you want to know my name?" And then, right then and there, he blessed him. 30 Jacob named the place Peniel (God's Face) because, he said, "I saw God face-to-face and lived to tell the story!" 31-32 The sun came up as he left Peniel, limping because of his hip. (This is why Israelites to this day don't eat the hip muscle; because Jacob's hip was thrown out of joint.)

(over)

Romans 9:1-5

9 ¹⁻⁵ *At the same time, you need to know that I carry with me at all times a huge sorrow. It's an enormous pain deep within me, and I'm never free of it. I'm not exaggerating—Christ and the Holy Spirit are my witnesses. It's the Israelites . . . If there were any way I could be cursed by the Messiah so they could be blessed by him, I'd do it in a minute. They're my family. I grew up with them. They had everything going for them—family, glory, covenants, revelation, worship, promises, to say nothing of being the race that produced the Messiah, the Christ, who is God over everything, always. Oh, yes!*

Sermon

Chaplain David Mills

Invitation to the Table

Hymn "Spirit of the Living God"

#492

Offering *(Ushers will come forward)*

Len Wilson

Offertory Prayer

We thank you, O God, for the countless blessings that come to us every day. Help us to be as welcoming, as caring, as generous as you, Loving God, as we share our gifts with you and the world. Amen.

Offertory "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Kretzschmar

Doxology*

Announcements

Len Wilson

Benediction

Chaplain David Mills

Postlude "The Heavens Declare – Psalm 19"

Marcello