

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Theme: God Provides

Sunday, August 16, 2026



“I am with you. I will watch over you everywhere you go. . . I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Genesis 28:15

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: As we gather and as we disperse, as we rise and as we sleep, as we eat and play and work, we offer our praise to God.

People: As we wash our cars, scrub the dishes, rinse the grime of the day from our hands, we offer God our praise.

Leader: As we feel the tips of the grass on our feet, the wind against our face, the sun on our backs, drops of rain on our shoulders, we offer our praise to God.

People: As we come and go, as we travel near and far whether by land or air, we offer God praise for the vigilance that is ours.

Leader: So here we are to worship a God who sojourns with creation, its inhabitants and its creates.

People: We celebrate a God who creates, redeems, and sustains us to live out our praise in all we do! AMEN

*Hymn: #49 “The God of Abraham Praise”

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

We come as people formed by grace to offer God praise with our whole selves now and in all the ordinary moments of our lives! As those early followers believed that no one could see your face and live, how blessed we are that You have revealed Your face to us in Jesus— the human face of Your love.

We confess that we haven’t always done what is right; that some of our attitudes and actions have hurt others and ourselves, and have grieved You. In Your mercy, look

deeply into our hearts. Examine our thoughts and our actions. Test our motivations, and help us. Bring to light all the things in our lives that dishonor You so that we may follow You with integrity and walk in ways that bring honor to Your name. Continue to equip us for our journey through life and beyond, by breathing new and everlasting life into our very beings. This we pray in Jesus’ name. AMEN

#654 “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

“In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.”

Words of Assurance

Fellow believers in Christ, our God never fails to hear us when we call. Trust in God’s forgiveness and unfailing love, and be at peace, for God rescues all who take refuge in God. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Genesis 26-28 (*selections*)

Sermon: “Drama, Disaster, Deliverance and Dreams” (*Meeting God on the Run*)

Hymn: #471 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Attentive God, you see us as we are and meet us in the movement of our days. As the family of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Ishmael and Esau; Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel and the Canaanite and Hittite women that go unnamed faced challenges in their relationships, yet they brought themselves to you broken and struggling as they were.

We, too, bring gifts whenever we offer as a commitment to do our best to reflect your acceptance. Apart from money, we offer ourselves to be faithful in love, honest in action, and steady in compassion. In the work we share, let our giving become praise in motion, a testimony that we seek your presence not only in stillness, but in faithful steps forward. Until we are satisfied in the likeness of your grace, so receive our offerings and our very selves as signs of our trust and desire to live in right relationship with you and one another. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #468 "In My Life Lord, Be Glorified"

Charge and Benediction

Leader: Beloved, may God bless us with the discernment to notice God at work all around us.

People: May God inspire us to offer up praise in the busyness of our lives, from the beginning to middle and end of each day.

Leader: And may the peace that comes from beholding the face of God and knowing deep in your bones that we are not alone, encourage us.

People: God is with us always! AMEN

Postlude

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

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