

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Darcy Young

\*Call to Worship

Carol Parisella

Leader: Surely the Lord is in this place.

**People: Even when we did not know it.**

Leader: When we are alone and afraid,

**People: God is with us.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord.

**People: We stand in Bethel — the house of God.**

\*Praise Songs:

Praise Band

Prayer

Karen Rowley

**Gracious God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, when we feel alone, afraid, or burdened by our past, remind us that You are with us. Open our eyes to see the ladder of Your grace reaching down to where we are. Speak Your promises into our hearts — that You will watch over us, guide us, and never leave us. Help us to trust Your mercy, rest in Your presence, and recognize that we are standing in Bethel, the house of God. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Anthem:

Choir

Children's Moment

Melinda Sciera

\*Hymn: "Marching to Zion"

UMH 733 (vv. 1,2,4)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 28:10-22

Carol Parisella

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and set out for Haran. <sup>11</sup> He reached a certain place and spent the night there. When the sun had set, he took one of the stones at that place and put it near his head. Then he lay down there. <sup>12</sup> He dreamed and saw a raised staircase, its foundation on earth and its top touching the sky, and God's messengers were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> Suddenly the LORD was standing on it and saying, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. <sup>14</sup> Your descendants will become like the dust of the earth; you will spread out to

the west, east, north, and south. Every family of earth will be blessed because of you and your descendants. <sup>15</sup> I am with you now, I will protect you everywhere you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done everything that I have promised you."

<sup>16</sup> When Jacob woke from his sleep, he thought to himself, The LORD is definitely in this place, but I didn't know it. <sup>17</sup> He was terrified and thought, This sacred place is awesome. It's none other than God's house and the entrance to heaven. <sup>18</sup> After Jacob got up early in the morning, he took the stone that he had put near his head, set it up as a sacred pillar, and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup> He named that sacred place Bethel, though Luz was the city's original name. <sup>20</sup> Jacob made a solemn promise: "If God is with me and protects me on this trip I'm taking, and gives me bread to eat and clothes to wear, <sup>21</sup> and I return safely to my father's household, then the LORD will be my God. <sup>22</sup> This stone that I've set up as a sacred pillar will be God's house, and of everything you give me I will give a tenth back to you."

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message: God Sighting at Bethel

Pastor Sung Ho Lee

The People Bring Their Gifts

The baskets will be passed or you may use the UMCL app

\*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Carol Parisella

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Hymn: "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

UMH 528 (vv. 1—4)

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*please stand if you are able