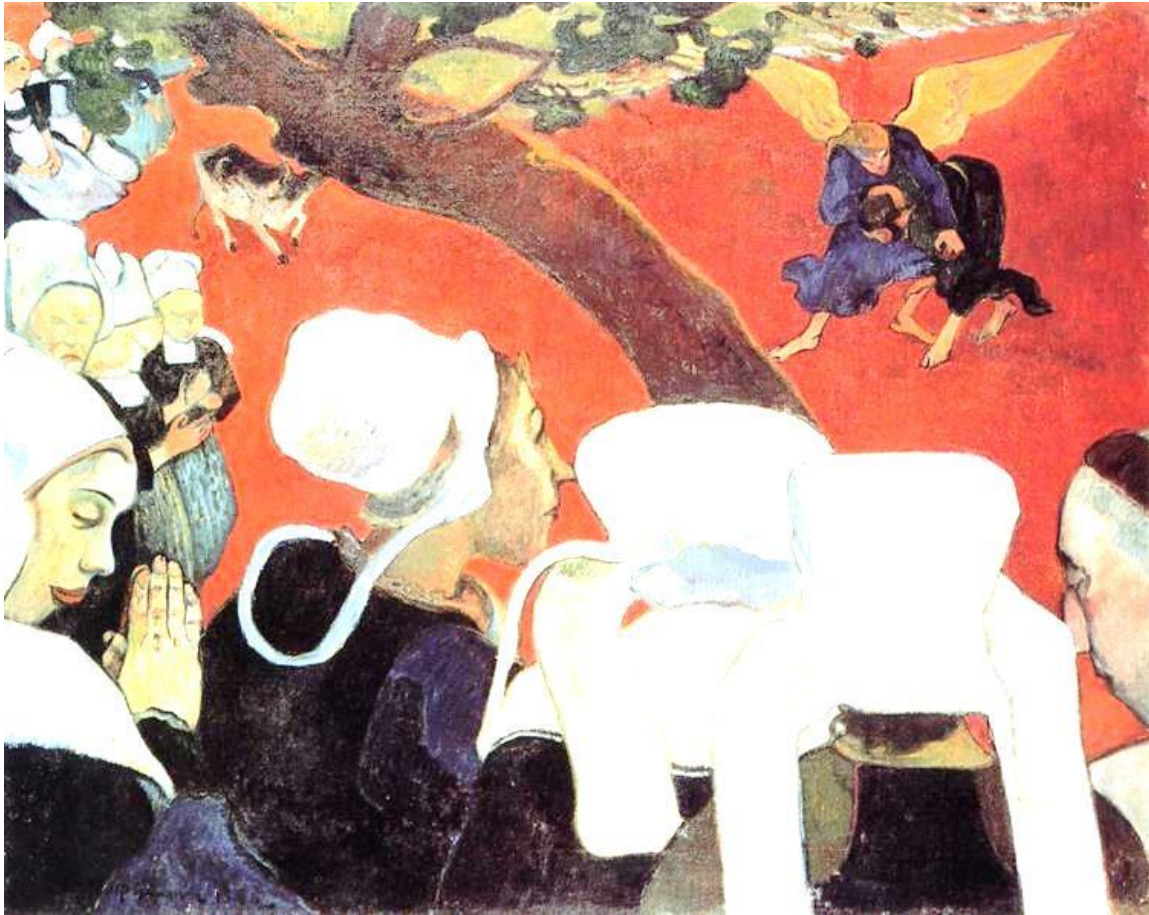


**August 22, 2021**

## **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Rockville Presbyterian Church - [www.rockvillepres.org](http://www.rockvillepres.org) - Rockville, MD



The Vision after the Sermon (Jacob wrestling with the Angel); Paul Gauguin; 1888

**Pastor:** Rev. Michael McNamara; **Musician:** Howie Jung; **Lay Leader:** Aimee Ranaivoarijaona

We are filled with joy at your presence and hope you experience  
God's Spirit as you worship and meet with those around you. If you would like more information  
about RPC, please talk with any Session member or the Pastor.

### **ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

\*-- Indicates that all who are able may stand

**Bold Letters** -- Indicate congregational response

Hymns are found in the hardcover

**GLORY TO GOD** *Hymnal.*

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**maker of heaven and earth.**  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### \*Gathering Hymn

### *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

**#452**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you;  
I want to see you;**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you;  
I want to see you;**

**to see you high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love  
as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."  
Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see you.**

### Opening Prayer

God of all glory,  
on this first day you began creation,  
bringing light out of darkness.  
On this first day you began your new creation,  
raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.

On this Lord's Day grant that we,  
the people you create by water and the Spirit,  
may be joined with all your works  
in praising you for your great glory.

Through Jesus Christ,  
in union with the Holy Spirit,  
we praise you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Call to Confession**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins. Trusting in God's grace, let us, together, confess our sin.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess  
our failure to be what you created us to be.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.  
By your loving mercy,  
help us to live in your light  
and abide in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*Silence is kept for personal confession*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God, Amen.**

**Praise to God the Father;  
praise to God the Son;  
praise to God the Spirit:  
praise to the Three-in-One.  
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.  
Praise to God Almighty;  
praise to the Holy One.**

## **THE WORD**

### **A Time with the Children**

#### **First Reading**

#### **Genesis 32:22-32**

<sup>22</sup> The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When 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. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then the man<sup>[a]</sup> said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,<sup>[b]</sup> for you have striven with God and with humans,<sup>[c]</sup> and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel,<sup>[d]</sup> saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup> Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sermon**

#### **Wrestling With God**

**\*Together, We Confess Our Faith**

**The Apostle's Creed (Traditional)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

**RESPONDING**

**Invitation to Present Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**#606**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Eternal God,  
we praise you that your glory has dawned on us,  
and brought us into this Day of Resurrection.  
We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son,  
and that he has conquered death,  
risen to rule over all powers of this earth.  
We praise you that he summons us into new life,  
to follow him with joy and gladness.  
By your Spirit,  
lift us from doubt and despair,  
and set our feet in Christ's holy way,  
that our lives may be signs of his life,  
and all we have may show forth his love.  
Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you,  
our God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

## 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## SENDING

### Opportunities for Service and Fellowship

\*Sending Hymn

*Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

#628

1 Praise, I will praise you, Lord,  
with all my heart.  
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,  
and glorify your name.  
Praise, I will praise you, Lord,  
with all my heart.  
In you I will find the source of all my joy.  
Alleluia!

2 Love, I will love you, Lord,  
with all my heart.  
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,  
and glorify your name.  
Love, I will love you, Lord,  
with all my heart.  
In you I will find the source of all my joy.  
Alleluia!

3 Serve, I will serve you, Lord,  
with all my heart.  
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,  
and glorify your name.  
Serve, I will serve you, Lord,  
with all my heart.  
In you I will find the source of all my joy.  
Alleluia!

**\*Blessing and Charge**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**Alleluia!**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*Response**

***Be Still and Know That I Am God***

**#414**

**Be still and know that I am God.**

**Be still and know that I am God.**

**Postlude**



***Rockville Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability or marital status. We also welcome and encourage the full participation of persons without regard to sexual orientation.***



*Today is Rev. Mike's last worship service, everyone is encouraged to stay for fellowship immediately following Worship service. Session has planned a farewell for Rev. Mike.*