

HYMN: 153 “*God is Love, Let Heav’n Adore Him*”

A PRAYER BEFORE READING THE SCRIPTURES

Until we can see ourselves in the words we read and the stories we hear, it is easy to remark on the rest of the world. May the light of these words fall strongly upon each of us, that we can find the truth. *Amen!*

BIBLE READING -

Genesis 28:10-22 (*Pages 27-28*)

Robyn Irwin

Romans 8:12-25 (*Pages 1118-1119*)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

SERMON: “*Bethel - God’s House*” **Krikor Youmshajekian**

- NOTICES - Elders’ & Council Meeting** - Tuesday 1 August 4:00 pm.
- **Movie/Pizza Night** - Tuesday 1 August 6:30 pm.
- **Market Morning** - Saturday 5 August 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.
Please come and help us to set up the hall during the week beginning on Wednesday 2 August morning.
- **Church 100th Anniversary** - 10 Sep 2023. Reserve the date.
- **Spring Fashion Parade** - Thursday 14 September.

OFFERING - *Help us who have received so freely from You to give as freely in our turn, with pleasure and gratitude.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Everything in heaven and earth comes from You, Lord. We give You only what is Yours. Accept our offerings, bless and use them for the spread of Your Kingdom. May You be praised forever and ever. Amen!

HYMN: 452 “*God of Mercy, God of Grace*”

THE LORD’S PRAYER & BLESSING

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen!*

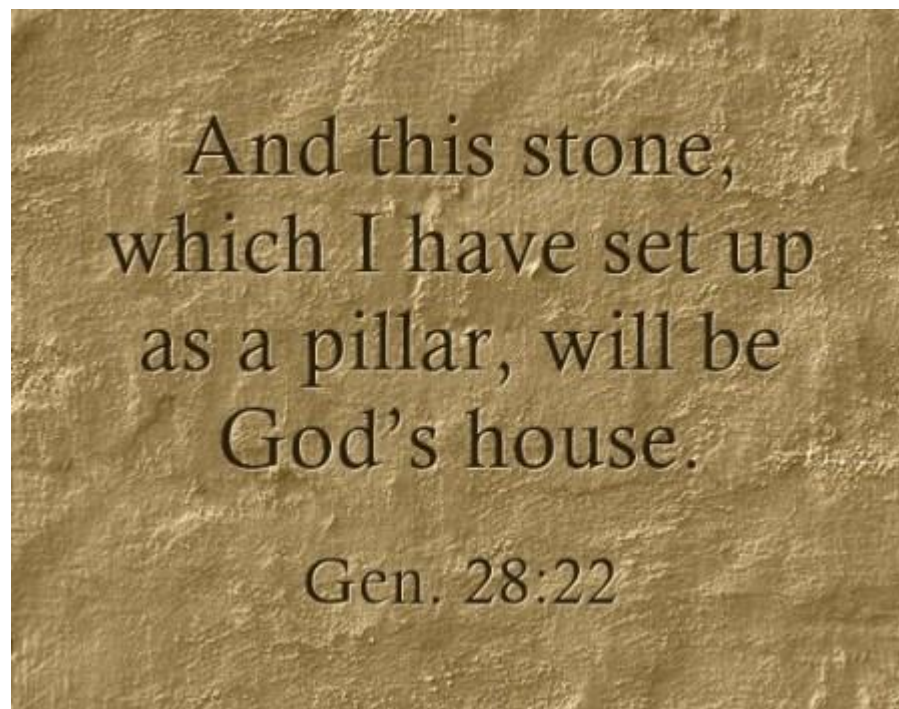
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Pentecost 8

23 July 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is in God's holy temple. Let the people proclaim God's glory.

Praise God's holy name.

Jehovah, Our God, is with us – make God's name known.

To God belongs the glory. Praise God's holy name.

PRAYER

Now, O God, as we enter into Your presence, we desire Your spirit and Your power to rest on us today. May we as Your people be unified in our desire to please You. May we be drawn together by the ties that bind us together. ***Amen!***

HYMN: 134 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

INVOCATION

O God, we gather together in this place seeking to know You. We gather together as a community of Your people to know Your will and way. Grant us the comfort and power of Your presence. Accept us as we are, where we are, and lead us where You would have us go to do what You would have us do. In the name and the Spirit of the risen Christ we pray. ***Amen!***

A SONG OF CREATION

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.

In the firmament of God's power, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.

***Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord,
O heavens and all waters above heavens.***

***Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.***

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew,
all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and summer, glorify the Lord,

sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.

***Glorify the Lord, O nights and days,
O shining light and enfolding dark.***

***Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.***

Let the earth glorify the Lord.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.

***Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas and streams,
O whales and all that move in the waters.***

***All birds of the air, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.***

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild,
and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.

***Let the people of God glorify the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.***

***Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.***

***Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.***

***In the firmament of God's power, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and highly exalt God for ever.***

HYMN: 155 “O Lord My God, When I in Awesome Wonder”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we enter into Your presence with the desire and need for redemption. We are mindful of our sins of commission and omission. We are mindful of our failure to show our love to You and to follow Your command to love others as we love ourselves. Forgive us, O God, for all of the things in our lives that separate us from You. Restore our souls. Lead us toward You and Your way. Remind us of the ultimate act of forgiveness by one who was without flaw. Amen!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

“For God so loved the world.” What could be said in our midst that would mean more? God loves us, and there is nothing we can ever do to change His love for us. May we never forget God's love. ***Amen!***

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 139 (Pages 618-619)