

STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH



Wrestling Jacob's Angel

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Aug 2nd, 2020 – 13th Sunday of Pentecost

Lay worship leader: Carla Miner

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Music to Prepare for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(unison)*

We are called from an uncertain world that faces many challenges into a place of surety and security.

We are called to surrender our anxieties to the assurances of God's steadfast love.

We are called to set aside our struggles and burdens of care for a brief while.

We are called to worship.

Hymn: "When We Are Tested"

65 MV

1. When we are tested and wrestle alone
Famished for bread when the world offers stone,
Nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
Food that sustains us by night and by day.
2. When in the desert we cry for relief,
Pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
Lift us to love you beyond sight and test,
Trusting your presence, our only true rest.
3. When we are tempted to barter our souls,
Trading the truth for the power to control
Teach us to worship and praise only you,
Seeking your will in the work that we do.
4. When we have struggled and searched through the night
Sorting and sifting the wrong from the right
Saviour, surround us with circles of care,
Angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Life and Ministry of Our Church

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 17 **739 VU**

SERMON: Genesis 32: 22-29

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

Musical Offering 'Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto Thy Feet' by Amy Grant

WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE

HYMN: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" **271 VU**

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
2. There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven,
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such gracious judgment given.
4. Troubled souls, why will you scatter
Like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander
From a love so true and deep?

5. For the love of God is broader
Than the treasures of the mind
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION:

Go now in peace, trusting in the wideness of God's mercy.
Go now in faith, trusting in the broadness of Christ's love.
Go now in joy, refreshed by this time of worship.

May God the Creator shower you with blessings.
May God the Christ shine a light on your path.
May God the Holy Spirit ever walk by your side.
May the love of God in Three Persons surround you today and
always. *Amen.*

CHORAL AMEN

974 VU

Music to Inspire Us As We Go