

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 6, 2017

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering Music Jan Mauck

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

Prelude "Draw Me Close" arranged by Carol Tornquist

*Call to Worship *Centering Prayer*

O Wrestling God, contending with us until daybreak, holding us
in the grip of your argument, grappling with our questions
and doubts,

**You who strive to deepen us through struggle, and
strengthen us through adversity:**

Hold on to us now in that fierce love that will never let us go.

Bless us, as you name us, as those who have prevailed.

**O God who wrestles with us,
circle our hearts,**

center our minds,

still our bodies,

be present to us now. Amen.

Third Space. (Inspired by Genesis 32:24-28)

*Song of Praise "When Morning Gilds the Skies" 111

*Invocational Prayer

Song of Faith "Ancient of Days" WT

Community and Congregational 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead
us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament Genesis 32:22-31

A Reading from the Apostles Romans 9:1-5

*Responsorial "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" 470

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Behold the Lamb" *arranged by Douglas Nolan*
Sung by: Brice, Colleen and Matt Smith and Amy Cripe

Children's Message (2nd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

*Scripture and Prayer of Illumination Matthew 14:13-21

Message: "O, What God Can Do!"

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Lord's Table – West Side Baptist Church
practices *open communion*. This memorial meal is offered to all
persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized.
You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the
bread and cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then
we will feast together.

†Servers Prepare for the Table of the Lord

Communion Song "Break Now the Bread of Life" 665

The Lord's Supper – Breaking of Bread & Passing of the Cup

The Collection for the Saints and the Needy Agape Fund

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

*Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of
God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling

you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

*Song "Spirit Song" 352

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude "Lord, You Have My Heart" by Martin Smith

*Please stand if able

THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord's Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.

THE LORD'S SUPPER – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. We practice "open communion." This means we recognize the Table of the Lord does not belong to any church but solely to Jesus Christ. Therefore, any baptized Christian is welcome to receive the bread and the cup in this Christian church.



MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ

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