

ONE: Our God is still speaking.

MANY: Thanks be to God

Scripture *Genesis 32:22-31 (NRSV)*

Sermon *A Wrestling Match*
The Rev. R. Brooke Baker

The Pastor's Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, provider of all we need, we are often content to rely on our own devices, our creativity, our cleverness. We congratulate ourselves for our accomplishments, yet we find that these achievements and acquisitions do not fill the deep hunger inside of us. We long for the Spirit bread you alone can provide. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us receive the blessings you offer, that we may be your bread for the world – blessed, broken for all. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hymn #336 *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face*

The Sacrament of Communion

Communion prayer

Loving God,

We thank you for your continuing presence in our midst and especially as we gather around our tables where you come to be present with us in a very special way. As we prepare to receive this holy meal, we thank you for the gift of sharing in this broken bread and poured cup. We thank you for the love and courage to break down barriers of racism and promises of strength for tired minds, bodies and spirits. Empower us to embrace one another as members of your human family, that we may truly be a community of faith and instruments of peace and renewal in your world. Amen.

Blessing of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Here we have been challenged. Here we have been strengthened. Here we have been fed. With God's Spirit as our guide, may we go into the world to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. Amen.

Hymn #478 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Benediction

Postlude

And Can It Be
Jason Aquila, Organist

arr. Virginia Halberg

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