

## **Scripture Reading: Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28,**

<sup>1</sup> Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup> This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. <sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. <sup>4</sup> When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. <sup>12</sup> Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, <sup>13</sup> and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied. <sup>14</sup> So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. When Joseph arrived at Shechem, <sup>15</sup> a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?" <sup>16</sup> He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?" <sup>17</sup> "They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. <sup>18</sup> But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. <sup>19</sup> "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. <sup>20</sup> "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams." <sup>21</sup> When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. <sup>22</sup> "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father. <sup>23</sup> So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing— <sup>24</sup> and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it. <sup>25</sup> As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup> Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup> So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

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*August 13 2017, 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
**UMH** (United Methodist Hymnal) **FWS** (Faith We Sing)  
(\*Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)

**Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Time of Reflection**

**Pianist: Joel Blair**

**\*\*Hymn #139 (UMH)**      *Praise to the Lord Almighty*      (vs a,3,4,5)

**\*\*Call to Worship**

**Liturgist: Wade Bluemer**

L: Rejoice in the Lord.

Call on God's holy name.

**P: Give thanks to the Lord.**

**Sing to our God with shouts of joy.**

L: Rejoice in the Lord.

Proclaim God's mighty works.

**P: Give thanks to the Lord.**

**Proclaim the miracles of God's hands.**

L: Rejoice in the Lord.

Trust in God's saving love.

**P: Give thanks to the Lord.**

**Tell the wonders of God's glory.**

**\*\*Hymn #141 (UMH)**      *Children of the Heavenly Father*

**Children's Sermon**

**Bill Brueck**

**Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## **\*\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Scriptures: Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28, 45:1-15, Romans 10: 5-15 & Matthew 14:22-33**

**Hymn # 529 (UMH)                      *How Firm a Foundation***

**Message                      *Tell the Joseph Story*                      **Pastor Bruce Buller****

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offering - Please sign Pew Pad.**

## **\*\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **\*\*Offertory Prayer**

We praise you, O Lord, for your wonderful works. As we bring our offerings before you this day, we rejoice in your saving love with hearts full of song. May our offering be a sign of our pledge to walk faithfully before you, each and every day of our lives. Amen.

**\*\*Hymn #593 (UMH)                      *Here I Am Lord***

**Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude**

## **Prayer for Living Expectantly**

Gracious and Life-Giving God,

- Pour out your Holy Spirit, like a mighty wind and tongues of fire, to unleash our churches to see kingdom visions, to dream your dreams, and to prophesy to your saving grace and justice.
- Revive the power of the gospel in the hearts of our clergy and lay leadership and prosper their words and works, so that all nations may hear the good news in their own tongues.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses, to be a living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth and a blessing to all creation.
- Create in me an expectant heart, eager to receive your Spirit gifts and guidance to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose precious and powerful name I pray. Amen