



Church for the Highlands  
Sunday, July 17, 2011

Prelude		Betty Jane Kelley
Welcome		
Call to Worship		
Chorus	“Surely the Presence of the Lord” (Sing Twice)	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	
Hymn No. 75	“If I Fly as Birds at Dawning”	
Scripture ReadingS	Genesis 28:10-19a	
Chorus	“We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”	
Message: “No Ordinary Place”		
Musical Reflection		
Silent Recognition of God’s Presence		
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	“Near to the Heart of God” Dan Gibbs, Piano	arr. House
Doxology	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Tune: “The Gift of Love”	
Missional Moment		
Hymn of Response No. 662	“The Mission God Has Given”	
Benediction		
Postlude		Betty Jane Kelley

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, ‘I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!’ And he was afraid, and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Psalm 139:1-12,23-24

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.  
If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night',  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Opportunities for Service and Fellowship

Bags of Hope--Each year, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Louisiana holds a Bags of Hope event in Lake Providence. The Book Bag Committee provides book bags filled with some of the school supplies that each student in the parish will need for the upcoming school year. Each student leaves with the knowledge that his or her teachers and others care that they come to school prepared to learn. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, you can participate in a couple of ways. Pick up an info sheet in the foyer today to learn how.

Common Prayer, Common Meal-- 6:00-7:00 PM Come for a home-cooked meal (free) and prayer. This Wednesday will involve a short film and discussion.

Missional Ministry Teams--if you are not yet on a team, contact John to learn more about them and which one best fits you and your schedule.

Church for the Highlands exists to  
bless the Highland neighborhood  
with the love of Jesus  
through Volunteers of America  
and other community partnerships