



## West Grove United Methodist Church

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# Joseph: Sent, Stripped and Sold

Genesis 37:12-28

*Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost  
August 13, 2023*

# 11:00 a.m. Worship

## Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship (Based on Romans 10:5-15)

Pastor Tim

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#### \*Opening Hymn

Morning Has Broken"

UMH No. 145

#### Opening Prayer (Based on #360 "Freedom In Christ")

Pastor Tim

**Gracious God, make me sensitive to all the evidences of Your goodness;**

**help us, everyone, to take into our hearts**

**the great gift of freedom you offer us in life through Christ.**

**May we never squander it, nor take it for granted in any way,**

**knowing that whatever life presents to us,**

**we have the freedom to decide how to respond.**

**May we use this time entrusted to us, to grow and mature in Your love,**

**sharing freely the blessings before us.**

**Empower us by Your love, to not compete with each other,**

**to not covet what others have,**

**but to instead celebrate one another's accomplishments,**

**and be of great encouragement to one another.**

**And may I, all of us, trusting in You, free ourselves of the terror of death,**

**being set free to live intensely and joyfully the life and fellowship**

**You have shared with us.**

**In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

#### Moment for All Ages

Melanie Jones

*(Children are invited to attend Children's Worship in Room 12.)*

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| <b>Scripture Reading</b>   | <i>Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28</i>                             | Pastor Tim          |
| <b>Meditation</b>  | "Our Foundations In God"                                 | Pastor Tim          |
| <b>Affirmation of Faith</b>  | <i>Statement of Faith in the United Church of Canada</i> | Valerie Kapp-Benner |
| <p><b>We are not alone, we live in God's world.</b><br/> <b>We believe in God: Who has created and is creating</b><br/> <b>Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,</b><br/> <b>To reconcile and make new,</b><br/> <b>Who works in us and others by the Spirit.</b><br/> <b>We trust God. We are called to be the church:</b><br/> <b>To celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,</b><br/> <b>To seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,</b><br/> <b>Our judge and our hope.</b><br/> <b>In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us!</b><br/> <b>We are not alone! Thanks be to God! Amen!</b></p> |  |                     |
| <b>*Song of Response</b>   | "Overwhelmed"  | PraiseWorks         |
| <b>Joys and Concerns</b>   |  | Pastor Tim          |
| <b>Pastoral Prayer</b>   |  | Pastor Tim          |
| <b>The Lord's Prayer</b>   |  | Pastor Tim          |
| <p>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!</p>   |  |                     |
| <b>Invitation to the Offering</b>  |  | Pastor Tim          |
| <b>Offertory</b>   | "Trust In You"   | PraiseWorks         |
| <b>Consecration of the Offering</b>  |  | Pastor Tim          |
| <b>*Closing Song</b>   | "Be Glorified"   | PraiseWorks         |
| <b>*Benediction</b>  |  | Pastor Tim          |
| <b>Postlude</b>  |  |                     |
| <b>Passing the Peace</b>   |  |                     |

*Please join us in the Lobby/Narthex for a time of fellowship.*  
*Please stand as you are able*    **Bold Print = Say in unison**

## 8:30 a.m. Worship

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#### Scripture Reading

*Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28*

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#### Meditation

"Our Foundations In God"

Pastor Tim

#### Affirmation of Faith

Pastor Tim

*Statement of Faith in the United Church of Canada*

#### \*Hymn of Response

"Spirit Of The Living God"

UMH No. 393

#### Joys and Concerns

Pastor Tim

#### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Tim

#### The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Tim

#### Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Tim

#### Consecration of the Offering

Pastor Tim

#### \*Closing Hymn

"Faith Of Our Fathers"

UMH No. 710

#### \*Benediction

Pastor Tim

*(Please join us for Fellowship Narthex/Lobby.)*  
*Please stand as you are able* **Bold Print = Say in unison**

## Scripture Lesson: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. 2 These are the descendants of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

### Joseph Is Sold by His Brothers

12 Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. 13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." 14 So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, 15 and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" 16 "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." 17 The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. 18 They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. 19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. 20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." 21 But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." 22 Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. 23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, 24 and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

25 Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. 26 Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. 28 When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

## OPEN ~ GROW ~ SERVE

*At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in God's name.*

Welcome, one and all! Church Office: 610-869-9334

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**WELCOME, ONE AND ALL!** Faith, hope and love are gifts of God. May you find them here. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship Pad. Our Welcome Center, located in the lobby, is a place where guests and new attendees can seek information about our church.

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 11:00 SERVICE ONLY:** As another new school year begins, we invite students and teachers alike to bring your backpacks to church on Sunday, August 27th, so that they may be blessed. This blessing of the bags serves as a reminder that God is always with us, even at school. He will help guide us through the ups and downs that come with every school year. We hope to see you here!

**SUMMER CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHRISTIANS WITH KIDS DISCUSSION GROUP:** The groups will meet on **August 27**. We look forward to everyone returning in September! Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 10th. **Contact Melanie Jones with any questions about Sunday school at [childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org](mailto:childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org)** You can contact **Julie Anderman with questions or for information on the discussion group, at [jwanderman111@gmail.com](mailto:jwanderman111@gmail.com)**

**SAVE THE DATE: THIRD ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL IS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 5-7 P.M.** RAIN DATE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 25, 5-7 P.M. Pastor Tim and Julie are looking forward to hosting the THIRD Ice Cream Social this year. Everyone is invited! Of course, there will be lots of syrup and toppings to help enhance the experience. Last year we offered at least 22 flavors, and we look forward to sharing most of them again this year too. Please remember, it is not just about the ice cream, it is all about the fellowship with many great people. Please join us as you are able, and share your heart with others.

**GRIEF SHARE FELLOWSHIP: Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. at the church.** A fellowship group focused on sharing life's journey through times of loss and grief is being planned. It takes time to heal wounds, above all it takes God's love together to heal our wounds, whatever they may be. It is a blessing to be together, share fellowship, and strengthen friendships. **If you are interested in taking part, or have questions, please call Pastor Tim (484.720.8626) or the church office.**

**NEW FALL BOOK STUDY STARTS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 10 A.M.: "The Color of Compromise"** Facilitators are Mel Leaman and Peter Mullen. Please contact Mel or Peter for more information. The books website is: <https://jemartisby.com/>

**THE FAITH LINKS CLASS** will begin a new study on **Sunday, September 10th, at 9:45am.** We will be studying **"The Lord's Prayer" (part of Adam Hamilton's Bible study curriculum).** In this study, he reflects on the deeper meaning and power behind the prayer Jesus taught, how it shapes our lives as we follow Him, and in turn, how it changes the world. This is a walk-in class and we will begin with a short video followed by discussion. Hope you will join us for this exciting new study! (Any questions please contact Caryl Stuhrke at (302) 239-1743).

**PASTOR JIM'S BIBLE STUDY: "LEARNING FROM THE PRAYERS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT"** In our Bible Study, we will study the prayers of a few of the Hebrew Saints, review the situation that initiated the prayer, delve into the prayer, and see how that prayer will help us in our prayer life. Come join us on **Mondays, beginning September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary, as we look at the scriptural prayers of Abraham, Moses, Hannah, David, Solomon, Jonah, and others.

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

## NEED PRAYER?

**Prayer Requests: Please do not leave prayer requests on the prayer chain email. It is not monitored.** Email Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334 or Email Susan Paisley at sbrintonpais1@verizon.net or call 610-268-3305. Your request will be shared with the prayer chain, and if you would like, it will be noted below in the bulletin Prayer List.

Family of Murphy  
Berkheimer (Kapp-  
Benner)

Jim (J. Bischoff)

Dianne Bunch  
(Stuhrke)

Helen Carlin

Beth Castaldi (K. Smith)

Dan Castaldi (Castaldi)

Family of Mildred Chambers

Joann Coates

Esther Culbertson

Katie Deeter (P. Bryan)

Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)

Irma Devom (Stryjewski)

Linda Eyster (Combs)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Joyce Flowers (Mullen)

Richard Heacock

Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)

Karen Hruz

Lynn Jackson

Maria Kanno (Mullen)

Family of Destiny Kates (B.  
Smith)

Debbie Kennedy (Coates)

Tom Kuch (Kuchs)

Erica Lindell (Stryjewski)



Ted Lynam

(Stuhrke)

Lenny Marten (K.  
Smith)

Jim May (Mullen)

Richard Minnick

Betty Mundell

Tim Mullen

Don Nixon (Mullen)

Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)

Michael Raineri

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)

Levi Schrum (Carmichael)

David Shaver (Hruz)

Linda Shiplet

Ian Smedley (Heist)

Family of Peg Spahn (RAP)

Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)

Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)

Jeannie Sullivan

Josephine Tena

Maira Tena

Mary Weidman (Miller)

Jill Williams (Miller)

Kay Yates



Anderson S. Camp  
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)

Nathaniel Howard,  
USA

Brian Kubo—Washington  
(Mullen)

Chris Weidman—Idaho  
(Miller)

Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine  
Corps

Drew Zumpino—USA  
(Beauchamp)

## God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

*It is your tithes, offerings, and  
gifts that impact and change  
lives for Christ!*

## Report from July 30, 2023

**General Offering: \$3,899**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 240**

**Attendance: In-Person and You Tube**

**8:30: 19 11:00: 46 Live Stream: 23**

**Food Pantry: 90 families on 8/09 & 8/10**

**Food donations appreciated.**



## **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING**

### **Sunday Morning Servants**

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Digital Audio: 8:30           | Steve May (Trainee needed)                                 |
| Live-Stream: 11:00            | Michael Duvall   |
| Digital Audio: 11:00          | Michael Duvall, Nate Robinson                              |
| Soundbooth Rotating:          | Will Stuhrke, Doyle Stuhrke, Maggie Stuhrke and Reed Smith |
| Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech | Mike Wiwel   |
| Officiating:                  | Rev. Timothy C. Anderman<br>Rev. S. James Mundell          |
| Music Director:               | Betsy Smith  |
| Moment For All Ages:          | Melanie Jones  |

#### **Today: 08/13/23** **8:30 / 11:00**

#### **Next Week: 08/20/23** **8:30 / 11:00**

|                     |                                       |                                  |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Nursery Aide:       | Open / Open                           | Open / Open                      |
| Children's Worship: | TBD                                   | TBD                              |
| Counters:           | Nancy Renk-Wise and<br>Paulette Bryan | Janice Bowers and<br>Dave Talley |
| Lay Reader: 8:30    | <b>Volunteers Needed</b>              | <b>Volunteers Needed</b>         |
| Lay Reader: 11:00   | Valerie Kapp-Benner                   | Carol McGinley                   |
| Ushers: 8:30        | Amy Simonds and<br>Mark Simonds       | Gene Aucott and<br>Alison Aucott |
| Ushers: 11:00       | Paulette Bryan and<br>Nancy Duvall    | Tom Adams and<br>Charlotte Adams |
| Greeter: 8:30       | Kim O'Neill                           | Fred Sullivan                    |
| Greeter: 11:00      | Nancy Renk-Wise and<br>Scott Wise     | Esther Culbertson                |

***Would you like to be a Sunday Morning Servant? We would welcome your participation as an usher, greeter, lay reader, acolyte (children grade 3 and above), nursery attendant, Children's Worship leader, or Sunday School teacher. If you have an interest in serving in any capacity on Sunday mornings, please contact Donna Fackler in the church office at 610-869-9334 or [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) for more information.***