North Scottsdale UMC

August 9, 2020

Worship Order (Home Version)

**Welcome!**

**The Welcoming Prayer – Father Thomas Keating (The Work of the People)**

Welcome, welcome, welcome.
I welcome everything that comes to me today
because I know it's for my healing.
I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons,
situations, and conditions.
I let go of my desire for power and control.
I let go of my desire for affection, esteem,
approval and pleasure.
I let go of my desire for survival and security.
I let go of my desire to change any situation,
condition, person or myself.
I open to the love and presence of God and
God's action within. Amen.

**Today’s Theme: “What if we could go back in time?”**

**The story of Joseph and his brothers makes us want to go back in time and make changes. But God is always working towards a surprising conclusion.**

**Opening Song** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

**Blessing of the Back Packs/The Lord’s Prayer**

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

Jacob lived in the land of Canaan where his father was an immigrant. **2**This is the account of Jacob’s descendants. Joseph was 17 years old and tended the flock with his brothers. While he was helping the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives, Joseph told their father unflattering things about them. **3**Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he was born when Jacob was old. Jacob had made for him a long[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+37%3A1-4%2CGenesis+37%3A12-28&version=CEB#fen-CEB-1087a)]robe. **4**When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of his brothers, they hated him and couldn’t even talk nicely to him.

**12**Joseph’s brothers went to tend their father’s flocks near Shechem. **13**Israel said to Joseph, “Aren’t your brothers tending the sheep near Shechem? Come, I’ll send you to them.”

And he said, “I’m ready.”

**14**Jacob said to him, “Go! Find out how your brothers are and how the flock is, and report back to me.”

So Jacob sent him from the Hebron Valley. When he approached Shechem, **15**a man found him wandering in the field and asked him, “What are you looking for?”

**16**Joseph said, “I’m looking for my brothers. Tell me, where are they tending the sheep?”

**17**The man said, “They left here. I heard them saying, ‘Let’s go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan.

**18**They saw Joseph in the distance before he got close to them, and they plotted to kill him. **19**The brothers said to each other, “Here comes the big dreamer. **20**Come on now, let’s kill him and throw him into one of the cisterns, and we’ll say a wild animal devoured him. Then we will see what becomes of his dreams!”

**21**When Reuben heard what they said, he saved him from them, telling them, “Let’s not take his life.” **22**Reuben said to them, “Don’t spill his blood! Throw him into this desert cistern, but don’t lay a hand on him.” He intended to save Joseph from them and take him back to his father.

**23**When Joseph reached his brothers, they stripped off Joseph’s long robe, **24**took him, and threw him into the cistern, an empty cistern with no water in it. **25**When they sat down to eat, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with camels carrying sweet resin, medicinal resin, and fragrant resin on their way down to Egypt. **26**Judah said to his brothers, “What do we gain if we kill our brother and hide his blood? **27**Come on, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites. Let’s not harm him because he’s our brother; he’s family.” His brothers agreed. **28**When some Midianite traders passed by, they pulled Joseph up out of the cistern. They sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver, and they brought Joseph to Egypt.

**Message (Rev. David)**
“Back in Time”

**A Creed for Accepting Change (by Richard Holdsworth) (Leah)**

I accept my changing self
And the altering fullness of others

I acknowledge that I can improve myself
But cannot recover others

I confess that I resist change
And hide in what is familiar
I Suspect what is different
And fear the unknown

Yet I realize that some change is inevitable
Perpetual
And beneficial

I open my heart to healthy change
Open my mind to positive change
Open my spirit to generous change

For by accepting change that brings us together
We reject what keeps us apart

In accepting change that makes me whole
I reject what breaks me down

In acceptance I learn change

**Reflection & Response/Prayer of Dedication**

**Offering**

“Make Me a Servant”

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**Closing Comments & Blessing (Rev. David)**

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**Closing Song** “We Are Called”