Christian Endeavor
United Methodist Church
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Prelude

Announcements

*Call to Worship: (from Psalm 74:10-17)
How long will the enemies mock You, O LORD? Will they revile Your name forever?
Why do You refrain, and hold back Your judgment. Destroy them. O King, You are LORD forever. You bring salvation on the Earth.
You split the seas by Your power; and it was You who crushed Leviathan.
The day and night belong to You; You established the moon and the stars in their orbits, and set the boundaries of the Earth, You made the summer and winter. Amen.

*Hymn: UMH #128, *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed …*

Prayers and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Doxology, UMH #95
Prayer after the Offering
Children's Time

Scripture: Genesis 25:21-34

*Hymn: UMH #462, '*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*
(vv. 1 and 2 only)

Sermon Title: *Rasslin' with God and Doubt,*
God Is in Control

Let's Confess:
We are so scattered, O God:
We flit from place to place and cause to cause; and we are easily distracted by the next important thing.
We think about yesterday and tomorrow but not today, so, help us to be mindful of the grace and beauty that surround us right now.
Help us commit to the need that is before us right now, thinking deeply, and responding generously, Giving as freely as we have received, and loving as you have loved us deeply and forgiven us so generously.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Alleluia. Amen.

Holy Communion

Hymn: UMH #370, *Victory in Jesus*

*Benediction and Postlude

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Genesis 25:23   The LORD said:
"Two nations are in your womb, and two people within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

For Our Prayers from Adam Hamilton
Dear God:
Do I choose to believe in a universe that was self-created from nothingness, where life is ordered out of nothing, or in a universe that is an expression of the power, beauty, and will of a God whose power I cannot explain? Both require faith. Do I have faith in everything coming from nothing, and order from chaos?
O LORD, I believe in You!

Dear God:
Through faith, I have come to believe that the painful, difficult, and challenging things in life do not have the final word and that God can redeem them and bring something good from them.

Dear God:
The Good News is that You love us. You are willing to forgive us, and that through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, all that was necessary was done to rescue us from sin and death. Salvation is ours. Amen!

We pray for a revival to begin in our very own hearts, and then spread …………………………………..

Check on your neighbors

Christian Endeavor family/friends needing prayer:
Sam & Jennifer, Betty, Mike, Mike & Tracy, Walter & Marge, Elizabeth, Carol, Amanda; Linda, David; Phyllis & Craig, Cherrie, Courtney, Liz, Matt, Kate & Callahan; Ezra ,Larry, Jerry's Family, Amara's Family and the Skip

Salome Family and a praise that the friends of Sam & Jennifer's were not hurt in an accident.

Bible Study Questions: read Genesis 25:19-34
Open It
1. When was the last time an impulsive decision got you in trouble?
Explore It
2. Can you think of any Bible characters who did NOT resist God at some point?
3. Why does Scripture say that Esau despised his birthright?
4. Why did Jacob demand Esau's birthright for something so trivial as a bowl of stew?
Get It
5. Do you trust God, or do you TRUST God?
6. Wanting control or yielding to God is very situational. What situations do you mostly yield to God, and which ones do you typically strive for control?
7. On the scale of being manipulative, where are you on average? A "1" is not very manipulative to "10" being over-the-top manipulative.
Apply It
8. How will you be less resistant to God's will?

Birthdays and Anniversaries:
Debbie Palm   April 7

Pastor's Deeper Dive Bible Study:
Mondays, 6PM, via Zoom – Contact **Clif**, tech@cenewark.org. and the Wednesday Deeper Dive Bible Study, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary