

# The Presque Isle Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Proper 24

October 16, 2022

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

## Gathering Music

### Greeting

Jennifer Gillis-White

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the sustaining presence of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### Welcome

### Introit

*Imago Dei*

### Opening Prayer *unison*

**Eternal one, who is known by many names, we come here today grateful for your presence. We rejoice because we know you love us all unconditionally, and neither our faults, our questions, or our moments of doubt will turn you away. Help us to share that unconditional love to all those around us. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

*Breathe On Me, Breath of God*

### Prayer of Confession *unison*

Kim-Anne Perkins

**God. Despite trusting in you and believing in your word, we confess that it is not always easy to seek you in prayer. Sometimes our worries seem too big. Sometimes our situations seem helpless. Help us understand that faith is not meant to be easy. Give us strength to “wrestle” with you and our doubts and let us feel the blessings that can bring.**

### Words of Assurance

Remember that God showed their face to those who doubted. Wrestling with faith does not mean giving up, it means coming back again and again with questions as well as faith. If we do that, we will truly be blessed.

### Two-Minute Talk Luke 18:1-8 “The Parable of the Persistent Widow”

Meg Hegemann

### Scripture Reading Genesis 32:22-32 “Jacob Wrestles With God”

Ray Rice

Jacob got up during the night, took his two wives, his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed the Jabbok River’s shallow water. He took them and everything that belonged to him, and he helped them cross the river. But Jacob stayed apart by himself, and a man wrestled with him until dawn broke. When the man saw that he couldn’t defeat Jacob, he grabbed Jacob’s thigh and tore a muscle in Jacob’s thigh as he wrestled with him. The man said, “Let me go because the dawn is breaking.”

But Jacob said, “I won’t let you go until you bless me.”

He said to Jacob, "What's your name?" and he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name won't be Jacob any longer, but Israel, because you struggled with God and with men and won."

Jacob also asked and said, "Tell me your name."

But he said, "Why do you ask for my name?" and he blessed Jacob there. Jacob named the place Peniel, "because I've seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved." The sun rose as Jacob passed Peniel, limping because of his thigh. Therefore, Israelites don't eat the tendon attached to the thigh muscle to this day, because he grabbed Jacob's thigh muscle at the tendon.

**Choral Anthem**

PIUCC Choir

**Reflection**

Meg Hegemann

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn**

*Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

**Benediction**