

“TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, August 2, 2020)

Share:

All who hunger—gather gladly.

We come to feast on the life-giving Word.

Here, love abounds and grace overflows.

Here, blessings multiply as gifts are shared.

Come—let us pour ourselves out in prayer and praise and open ourselves to renewal and rest.

Read these words from a hymn today:

Loaves Were Broken

Loaves were broken, words were spoken, by the Galilean shore.

Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.

In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light. (Refrain)

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.

Jesus speaks across the ages: “I am with you; do not fear!” (Refrain)

Refrain: By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,

Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

*By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. (Refrain)*

Read this scripture from worship:

Genesis 32:22-31, *The Message*

²²⁻²³ But during the night he got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He got them safely across the brook along with all his possessions. ²⁴⁻²⁵ But Jacob stayed behind by himself, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he couldn't get the best of Jacob as they wrestled, he deliberately threw Jacob's hip out of joint.

²⁶ The man said, “Let me go; it's daybreak.”

Jacob said, “I'm not letting you go 'til you bless me.”

²⁷ The man said, “What's your name?”

He answered, “Jacob.”

²⁸ The man said, “But no longer. Your name is no longer Jacob. From now on it's Israel (God-Wrestler); you've wrestled with God and you've come through.”

²⁹ Jacob asked, “And what's your name?”

The man said, “Why do you want to know my name?” And then, right then and there, he blessed him.

³⁰ Jacob named the place Peniel (God's Face) because, he said, "I saw God face-to-face and lived to tell the story!" ³¹⁻³² The sun came up as he left Peniel, limping because of his hip. (This is why Israelites to this day don't eat the hip muscle; because Jacob's hip was thrown out of joint.)

Matthew 14:13-21, *The Message*

¹³⁻¹⁴ When Jesus got the news, he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully—someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick.

¹⁵ Toward evening the disciples approached him. "We're out in the country and it's getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper."

¹⁶ But Jesus said, "There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper."

¹⁷ "All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish," they said.

¹⁸⁻²¹ Jesus said, "Bring them here." Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.

Talk together, responding to these questions:

- What do you think Jacob heard that night?
- When have you felt scared?
- What can you do to have courage?
- When have you been forced to wrestle with yourself and your identity?
- How did this struggle reveal a blessing?
- What have you witnessed small acts of sharing that have led to great abundance?

Pray together:

All-knowing God, you have satisfied our hunger at sunset and held us close through nights of wrestling. Now let the day break with your blessing. Awaken and illumine us by your Word that we may behold your likeness. Life-changing God, you have touched us and transformed us to reach out to all who hunger for what only you can give. Keep our feet in your paths and bless us to multiply blessings to others, though Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

Bless one another:

Take each person's hand and say. "God's grace is for you, God's love is upon you, God's call is within you. Be kind to yourself and others this week as a child of God."

Resources Used: *Disciplines, A Book of Daily Devotions*
Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion
Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal
The Message, by Rev. Eugene Peterson