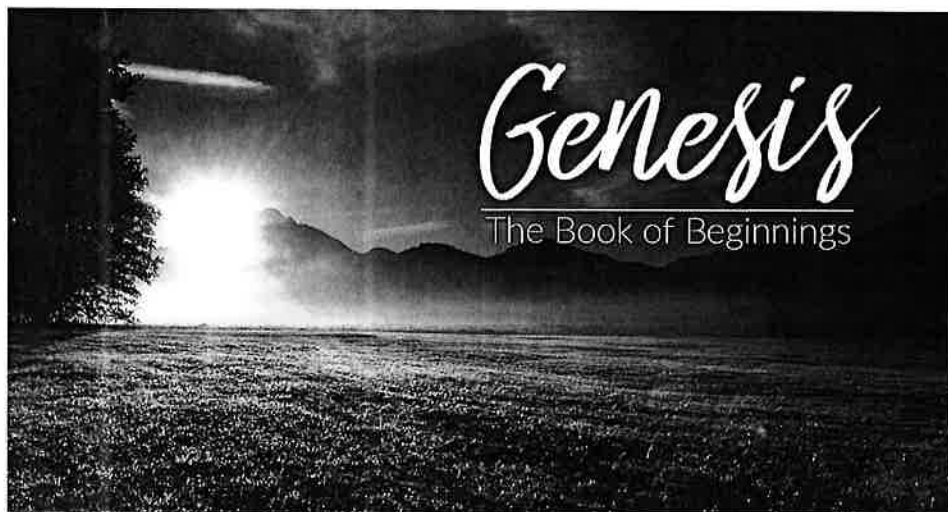


*FIRST*  
*PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



**6th Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sunday, July 9, 2023  
10:00 A.M.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Liturgist

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary,  
and I will give you rest."

**All of us know what it is like to be weary.**

**All of us carry heavy burdens.**

Let us accept Christ's invitation.

**We long to rest in God.**

\*HYMN insert     *"Wonderful Words of Life"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

**Faithful One, Despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be. Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm. Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace. Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Norlita Kaul

God upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up those who are bowed down.

**Jesus Christ rescues us from sin and death;**

**thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

\*GLORIA PATRI

### HEARING THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 45:10-17

Liturgist

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<sup>10</sup> Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;  
forget your people and your father's house,

<sup>11</sup> **and the king will desire your beauty.**

**Since he is your lord, bow to him;**

<sup>12</sup> Daughter Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,  
the richest of the people <sup>13</sup> with all kinds of wealth.

The princess is decked in her chamber with  
gold-woven robes;<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>14</sup> **in many-colored robes she is led to the king;  
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.**

<sup>15</sup> With joy and gladness they are led along  
as they enter the palace of the king.

<sup>16</sup> **In the place of ancestors you, O king,<sup>[b]</sup> shall have  
sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.**

<sup>17</sup> I will cause your name to be celebrated in all  
generations; therefore the peoples will praise you  
forever and ever.

FOCUS READING

Gen. 24:34-67

Rev. Kaul and Liturgist

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SERMON

*"A Biblical Romance?"*

Rev. Norlita Kaul

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN insert *"We Are One In The Bond of Love"*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son  
our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended  
into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN insert *"Love Divines All Loves Excelling"*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*BENEDICTION

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent, one from another. Amen.**

*(Mizpah Benediction)*

POSTLUDE

- - Those who are able, please stand.

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**LITURGIST-** Yvonne Custis

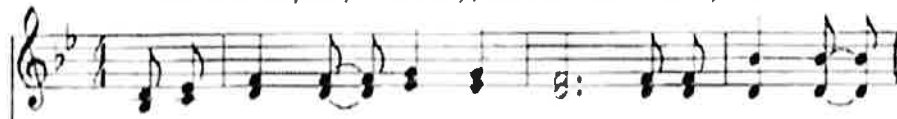
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**COUNTERS - Team B** - Marion Carll and Heather Newkirk

**FLOWERS-** Yvonne Custis

# 281 The Bond of Love

*We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. 1 John 3:14*



1. We are one in the bond of love; We are one in the  
2. Let us sing now, ev - ery - one; Let us feel His



bond of love. We have joined our spir - it with the  
love be - gun. Let us join our hands that the



Spir - it of God; We are one in the bond of love.  
world will know We are one in the bond of love.



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