

SACRED SPACE

As preached on Sunday, July 21st

Read: Genesis 28:10-22

1. When you hear “sacred space” what space or spaces come to mind?
2. In this week’s text, Jacob has a dream when he lies down to sleep. How would you describe that dream? What do you think is the significance of what Jacob sees in that dream?
3. What is the significance of what God says to Jacob in the dream?
4. What does Jacob do in vv.18-19 in response to the dream? Why does he call the place Bethel?
5. What does this passage teach us about the significance of place? About the significance of God’s presence? What is the relationship between place and God’s presence?
6. What happens to us when we return to a sacred space where we have previously encountered the presence of God?
7. Take some time this week to find and visit a sacred space. Once there, you can use one of the previous spiritual practices we’ve covered in this series (Breath Prayer, Lectio Divina, Silence, or Welcoming Prayer) to aid you in experiencing the presence of God. Consider returning to this sacred space on a regular basis as a spiritual practice.