

## WSC Worship Guide

October 17, 2010

### Call to Worship

**L:** We gather with thanksgiving for all You have given us.

**P:** We thank You for the gift of new life—the joy of our salvation—  
and the dreams birthed by the Spirit of Your Kingdom life.

**L:** We are grateful for Your presence, Your guidance and Your love.

**P:** At times, we wonder when or if these dreams will come to fruition.

Yet, we press forward into the fullness of life in You.

**L:** Still, we wait for You, the Living God.

**All:** Gather us together confident of your great faithfulness.

These dreams and visions of the Kingdom, birthed in us by the Spirit are  
secure in You. Amen

### Song

**Prayer of Confession:** We all make mistakes. Some big, some small,  
some intentional, some on accident.

Sometimes when there are large mishaps; there are often many people to  
blame.

Like the brothers of Joseph, we have betrayed family and friends  
for our own vainglory;

we have enslaved others to suit our purposes;

we have lied to cover our tracks;

we have forgotten our faith when it is convenient;

we have failed you and each other so many times.

Thank you for reaching out to us. Heal us, O God. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

The good news is that God takes our mistakes and works through them.

God's faithfulness never ends:

that while we were yet sinners, God sent his Son,

Jesus, The Anointed, to live for us, shed his blood in forgiveness,

that we might not be cast down into the pit,

but rise with him to everlasting life.

### Song

### Children's time

**Scripture:** Gen 37:1-13, 18-24, 31-34

**Sermon:** Burden Carried by Everyone  
by Jacob Landis

**Song**

**Sharing/Pastoral prayer**

**Offering/song**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

May the God of Jacob, Joseph, Reuben, and Judah;  
Peter, James, John, and Andrew;  
Mary, Martha, Ruth, and Lydia,  
Connie, Andy, Anna and Dean,  
grant you grace to abide in God's love,  
give you peace to abide in God's forgiveness,  
and the power to live in God's faithfulness. Amen.

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**Announcements:** Special thanks to **Jacob Landis** for preaching this morning!

**Cal and Carol will be going to Jenna's** on Wednesday evening and returning on Monday, October 26.

Warren will be preaching next Sunday.

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Genesis 37 Joseph's Dreams

37 Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

2 This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate[a] robe for him. 4 When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

5 Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. 6 He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: 7 We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

8 His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

9 Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

10 When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" 11 His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

#### Joseph Sold by His Brothers

12 Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, 13 and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them."

"Very well," he replied.

14 So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron.

When Joseph arrived at Shechem, 15 a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?"

16 He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?"

17 "They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'"

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. 18 But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

19 "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. 20 "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

21 When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. 22 "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing— 24 and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

25 As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

26 Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? 27 Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.

28 So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels<sup>[b]</sup> of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

29 When Reuben returned to the cistern and saw that Joseph was not there, he tore his clothes. 30 He went back to his brothers and said, "The boy isn't there! Where can I turn now?"

31 Then they got Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. 32 They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, "We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe."

33 He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces."

34 Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. 35 All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. "No," he said, "I will continue to mourn until I join my son in the grave." So his father wept for him.

36 Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.