**Walking with God**

**Are We Wrestling With God, or Have We Tapped Out?**

**Genesis 32:22-31**

**May 23, 2021**

**10:00 A.M.**

To view the service live, go to our Facebook page: First United Methodist Church Cedar Hill

The service is posted on our website, 1stCH.org, following the service.

The service is also posted on our YouTube channel at FUMC Cedar Hill

***WELCOME TO THOSE WHO ARE WORSHIPING IN PERSON AND ONLINE!***

\*Indicates when to stand in body or spirit

**Prelude** Grace Anderson

**Welcome & Announcements** Dr. Keva Green

**\*The candles are lit, symbolizing God’s presence here with us.**

*We are Standing on Holy Ground*

**\*Call to Worship**  Janine Immler

Leader: We gather here in anticipation,

**Congregation: seeking an encounter with our God,**

Leader: who comes among us when we least expect it to love us, support us, and encourage us.

**Congregation: Our God, who invites us to wrestle with our questions, our doubts, and our character,**

Leader: our God blesses us and calls us each by name.

**Congregation: Let us prepare for this encounter!**

**All: Let us worship God together!**

**\*Opening Prayer** Mike Immler

**Praise Hymn** *There Shall Be Showers of Blessings*(Cokesbury #208) Congregation

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (UMH #881) Congregation

**\*Gloria Patri** (UMH #70) Congregation

**Ministry Minute** Debbie Gallagher

(Children may leave for Children’s Church)

**Pastoral Prayer**  Dr. George Shultz

**with The Lord’s Prayer** (UMH #895) Congregation

**Worship through Giving** Grace Anderson

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**\*Doxology** (UMH #95) Congregation

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** Congregation

**God of divine encounters, we pause in the midst of all that is unholy, unthinkable, and undeniable, to look within and offer our gratitude for all the ways you show up in our lives. We rejoice that we have voice and head and heart so that we can truly love one another, love You, and love all of your people. We celebrate how your love leads us to offer ourselves and all that we are and have to be your joy, justice, and peace in the midst of all that is unholy, unthinkable, and undeniable. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

**Scripture Reading** Genesis 32:22-31 Mike Immler

**Preparing our Hearts** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (UMH #400)  Congregation

**Message** Are We Wrestling With God, or Have We Tapped Out? Rev. Yevette Christy

**\*Hymn of Response**  *When We Walk with the Lord* (UMH #467) Congregation

**\*We take the Light of Christ out, symbolizing our taking the presence of Christ out into our world.**

**\*Benediction** Rev. Yevette Christy with the Congregation

**Postlude** Grace Anderson

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