

Order of Worship for August 23rd, 2020
Stone House Presbyterian Church

Opening Songs with Nick Schacht:

"Down to the River to Pray"

"Reckless Love"

Call to Worship *(based on Genesis 32, from re:worship)*

One: We gather here in anticipation,

**ALL: SEEKING AN ENCOUNTER
WITH OUR HOLY GOD,**

One: Who comes among us when we least expect it,

**ALL: WHO INVITES US TO WRESTLE
WITH OUR QUESTIONS AND DOUBTS,**

One: Who richly blesses us,

**ALL: AND CALLS US EACH BY NAME.
LET'S WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER!**

Welcome

Prayer of Confession

(by M. Anne Burnette Hook at ministrymatters.com)

**Gracious God,
provider of all we need,
we are often content to rely on our own devices,
our creativity, our cleverness.**

**We congratulate ourselves
for our accomplishments,
yet we find that
these achievements and acquisitions
do not fill the deep hunger inside of us.
We long for the bread you alone can provide.**

(continued...)

Forgive us, merciful God.

**Help us receive the blessings you offer,
that we may be your bread for the world—
blessed, broken for all.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

"Shout to the Lord"

Iris Redmond

Children's Message

First Scripture Reading:

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Melanie Pesola

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Second Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:22-32

Message: *"The Blessing is in the Struggle"*

Rev. Alex Creager

"Traumerei"

Prayer of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Sending and Blessing