

**Unbound: Longing for Wholeness**  
**February 25, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. Worship**  
**“Bound by Jealousy” Genesis 37:3-11**

Prelude

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,  
who hears our longings and gives us new life. **Amen.**

Loving God, who knows each of our stories,

**We confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts,  
actions, and inactions.**

**We have been bound by jealousy, shame, and hatred.**

**We have not listened to the cries of our siblings.**

**We have participated in dishonest systems  
and benefited from violence done on our behalf.**

**Forgive us, we pray. In your mercy free us from all that keeps us bound,  
and grant us healing and wholeness.**

Siblings in Christ, do not be afraid.

In the name of + Jesus your sins are forgiven.

May God speak kindly to you, restore your paths,  
and look upon you with favor all the days of your life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN                      ELW #157    “Kyrie”

L: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, and defend us, O God. **Amen.**

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.        **And also with you.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. All-knowing, all-loving God, **When someone else receives what we ourselves desire, how quickly our hearts turn to anger and hatred. Free us from jealousy. Give us wholeness, security, and peace in your love, and grant us the generosity of heart to listen to each others' dreams. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

BIBLE READING                      Genesis 37:3-11

MEDITATION                      "Bound by Jealousy"                      Pastor Julie Brenden

HYMN OF THE DAY                      ELW #325                      "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

- 1 I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

We give you praise, holy God, for stories that illuminate our lives.

**We thank you for the story of Joseph and his family.**

When we are consumed by jealousy, meet us in our longing for dignity and love.

**God, restore us to wholeness.**

When violence shatters our world, meet us in our longing to remember we are siblings.

**God, restore us to wholeness.**

When dishonest systems silence and punish, meet us in our longing to be heard and believed.

**God, restore us to wholeness.**

When family is bound up in guilt and harsh words, meet us in our longing to be cared for and seen.

**God, restore us to wholeness.**

When guilt makes us fearful and shame makes us retreat, meet us in our longing for honest hearts and genuine love.

**God, restore us to wholeness.**

We thank you for the story of Joseph and his family.

**We give you praise, holy God, for stories that illuminate our lives.**

Through the wisdom of your scriptures teach us to live in wholeness.

**When we are bound by forces within and without, free us to live fully in you.**

#### BLESSING

May the God of dreams and faithful promises,  
+ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless and protect you always. **Amen.**

#### SENDING HYMN ELW #765 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace, forgiven, whole, and free.

**Thanks be to God.**