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Focus for Next Service

August 9th, 2026

What Will It Take?

Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

Public WIFI Log-in

PFUMC-Guest **Password: ConnectMe!**

Let us know you are worshiping with us,
whether you are in the Sanctuary or on YouTube.

Please fill out a connect card in your bulletin
or use the comment section on YouTube
to make your prayer request known to the pastor.

He will include your thanks to God

and your prayer concerns in our pastoral prayer.

If you would like to add your prayers to the weekly prayer chain,
contact Karen Lynch at 717-571-5903 or karen_lynch@me.com.

9:00 AM Non-Traditional Service

10:30 AM Traditional Service

All services are live-streamed on our website and YouTube.

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Palmyra First United Methodist Church

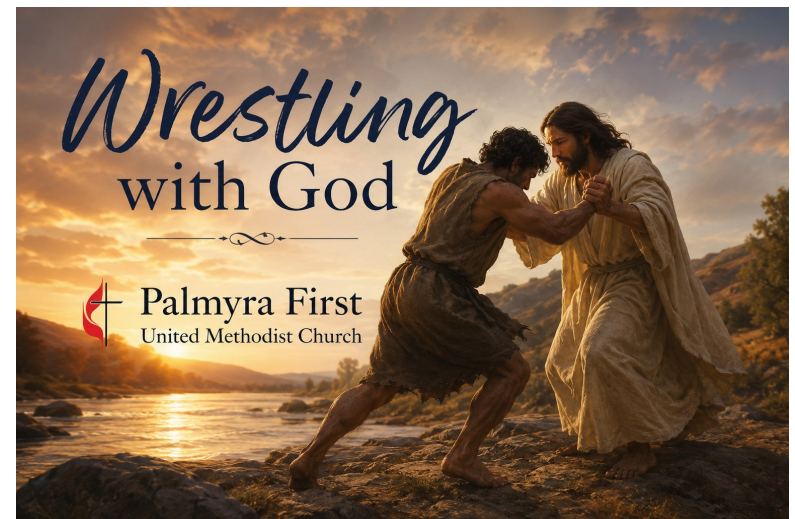


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August 2nd, 2026

Wrestling with God

Tenth Sunday of Kingdomtide

10:30 AM Service

Serving Christ, Changing Lives!

*Congregation standing, as able

Wrestling with God

Prelude

*Call to Worship Corl p. 152 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

Leader: Often our past gets in our way,
 hindering God's redeeming love and forgiveness.

**People: Our past bothers us,
 because much of it is contrary to God's will.**

Leader: Struggling with our past is difficult,
 but God gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

**People: Praise God for a salvation
 that erases the sins of our past,
 and gives us a new life for the future
 with Jesus Christ our Savior!**

*Opening Hymn #386 "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"

Opening Prayer Corl p. 152 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

**God of mercy and grace,
 you know the inner conflict with past sin
 so often harasses us.
Give us victory in Christ,
 so once and for all,
 we may turn our backs on the sins of our past,
 and move forward in faith,
 assured of a new beginning with Jesus our Savior,
 in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Genesis 32:22-31

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon "Wrestling with God"

Prayer of Confession Ramirez p. 164-165 (Lectionary Worship Aids) alt.

Lord God,

**we say we wait for you to move in our midst,
but we can't help feel a little fear.**

**What if after we call upon your name
you actually arrive?**

Will we be ready?

Will we be ready to receive you?

**Will we be ready, if it is your will,
to wrestle like Jacob with your plan for our lives?**

Now is never the right time.

We pray boldly you will speak to us now.

**We confess our brokenness to you
in the silence of our hearts...**

Silent Prayers of Confession Words of Pardon and Assurance

Offering

*Offertory Response #95 "Praise God For Whom...."

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation #599 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Consecration #15 & #16

The Lord's Prayer

"using the word *sins* instead of *trespasses*"

Giving and Receiving of the Bread and Cup

*Closing Hymn #389 "Freely, Freely"

*Benediction

*Choral Response #670 v. 1 "Go Forth for God"

Postlude