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WORSHIP NOTES

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Clergy of the Week: Glenn Eernisse
(glenn.eernisse@fbcgainesville.org)

Deacon Team of the Week: Jerry Johnson, Jesse Black and Kent Easterday

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“Family Drama: Closure”

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Gathering Music	What a Friend We Have in Jesus Greg Whitmire, Piano Sweet, Sweet Spirit Duet: Hannah Bradley, Organ; Greg Whitmire, Piano	arr. Whitmire arr. Kaiser/Colvin
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome & Opportunities to Serve		Rev. Dr. Tony Lankford
Passing of the Peace	May the peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.	Congregation
*Call to Worship No. 31	Ancient Words Stanza 1 Only	DeShazo
*Hymn of Praise No. 366	O God Beyond All Praising	Perry
*Invocation		Kent Easterday
Connect Camp and VBS Spotlight		Mary Beth Magnus, Connect Camp; Dolores Burkett & Karen Craft, VBS
Music Meditation	I Shall Not Want Mary Beverly-Bruce, Solo Curtis Malcom & Linda Williams, Violin; Emese Vas, Viola; Hannah Bradley, Cello Carl Bedingfield, Acoustic Guitar	Assad/Brown
Special Recognition for Ron Grizzle		Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.	Rev. Kellie Denton
*Offertory Hymn No. 575	Redeemed	Crosby/Butler
*Offertory Prayer		Rev. Christopher Simonton
Offertory Praise	Concerto for Bassoon, 2nd Movement P.J. Jones, Bassoon	Weber

*Denotes congregation to stand.

*The Doxology (No. 706)		Ken
Children’s Moment		Sarah Koskovich
Choral Worship	How Great Thou Art Sanctuary Choir; Rev. Mark Green, Director	Hine/arr. Carter
	O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder. Thy pow’r thro’out the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee; How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art! Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee; How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art! When thro’ the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee; How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art! Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee; How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art! And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee; How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art! Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee; How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art! When Christ shall come with shout of acclimation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, How Great Thou Art! Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee; How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art! Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee; How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art! How Great Thou Art! How Great Thou Art! Words by Stuart K. Hine. ©1953 by Stuart K. Hine, assigned to Manna Music, Inc. Arranged by John Carter. ©1955 by Manna Music, Inc.	
Sermon	“Family Drama: Closure” (Genesis 33:1-14; Pew Bible No. 53)	Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta
	Jacob looked up and saw Esau approaching with four hundred men. Jacob divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two women servants. He put the servants and their children first, Leah and her children after them, and Rachel and Joseph last. He himself went in front of them and bowed to the ground seven times as he was approaching his brother. But Esau ran to meet him, threw his arms around his neck, kissed him, and they wept. Esau looked up and saw the women and children and said, “Who are these with you?” Jacob said, “The children that God generously gave your servant.” The women servants and their children came forward and bowed down. Then Leah and her servants also came forward and bowed, and afterward Joseph and Rachel came forward and bowed. Esau said, “What is the meaning of this entire group of animals that I met?” Jacob said, “To ask for my master’s kindness.” Esau said, “I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what’s yours.” Jacob said, “No, please, do me the kindness of accepting my gift. Seeing your face is like seeing God’s face, since you’ve accepted me so warmly. Take this present that I’ve brought because God has been generous to me, and I have everything I need.” So Jacob persuaded him, and he took it. Esau said, “Let’s break camp and set out, and I’ll go with you.” But Jacob said to him, “My master knows that the children aren’t strong and that I am responsible for the nursing flocks and cattle. If I push them hard for even one day, all of the flocks will die. My master, go on ahead of your servant, but I’ve got to take it easy, going only as fast as the animals in front of me and the children are able to go, until I meet you in Seir.”	
*Hymn of Response No. 694	Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive	Herklots
Closing Words and Benediction		Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta
Postlude	Praise to the Lord, Almighty Hannah Bradley, Organ	Phillips