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A photograph showing several hands of different skin tones reaching up and interlocking to form a heart shape. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and white, suggesting a bright, airy space. The hands are positioned around the central text, creating a frame for the title.

Repairing Broken Relationships



In Ministry

Minister:
Scott Wagoner

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Organ:
Carmen Farlow

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Piano, Bells & Voice:
Wanda Simmons

Genesis 33 1-11

1 Jacob looked up and saw Esau approaching with four hundred men. Jacob divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two women servants. 2 He put the servants and their children first, Leah and her children after them, and Rachel and Joseph last. 3 He himself went in front of them and bowed to the ground seven times as he was approaching his brother. 4 But Esau ran to meet him, threw his arms around his neck, kissed him, and they wept. 5 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." 6 The women servants and their children came forward and bowed down. 7 Then Leah and her servants also came forward and bowed, and afterward Joseph and Rachel came forward and bowed. 8 Esau said, "What's the meaning of this entire group of animals that I met?" Jacob said, "To ask for my master's kindness." 9 Esau said, "I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what's yours." 10 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. 11 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.

Message:

"Fresh Start: Repairing Broken Relationships"

Open Worship: In this time of open worship, Friends take time to center down, wait on God to provide ministry to your soul and see if God wishes to use you as an instrument of grace.

Hymn: "We Are One in the Spirit" #212

Benediction:

Postlude

Thoughts For Reflection:

"Consider a world where people are routinely requesting and offering forgiveness. Think about the joy in our homes that would uproot resentment. Try to visualize relationships not marked by defensiveness and contempt. Ponder the amount of stress you wouldn't have to carry, because the weight of bitterness and self-protection would not be necessary. It's a beautiful vision of the good life, yet it's not easy to get there."

Rich Villodas

High Point Friends Meeting

Prelude: You Are Here And We Praise You Lord

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Prayer: "Loving God, you come to us in love and reconciliation. You extend Your grace to us in forgiveness. May we embody and practice the same reconciliation and forgiveness you extend to us. As you turn towards us, may we turn towards one another in love. Amen." .

Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story" #303

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Choir: Trust and Obey-*arr. Lloyd Larsen*

Scripture : *Genesis 33:1-11*

Hymn: "Come Follow Me" (see Insert)
