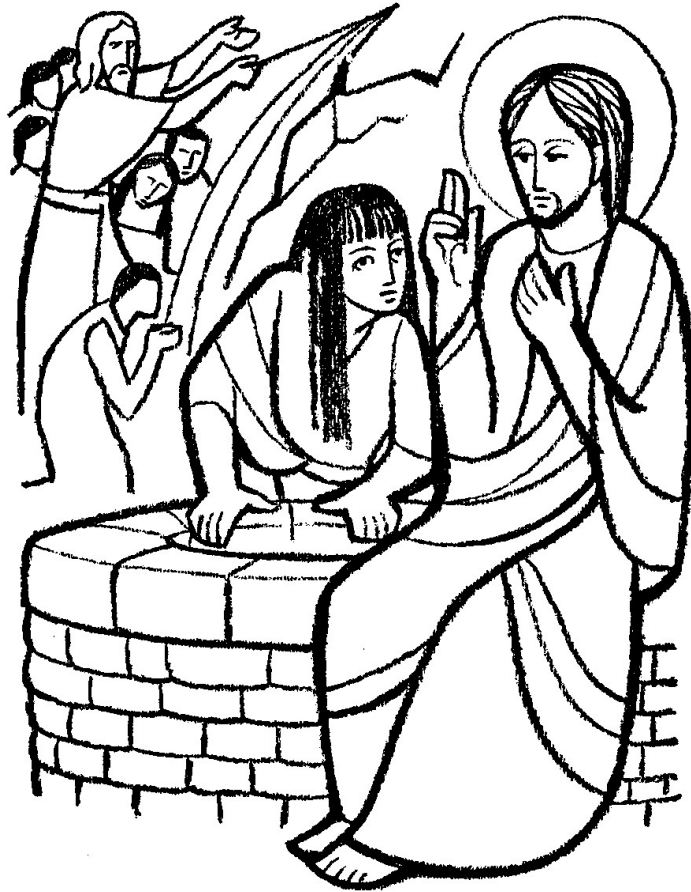


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

Jesus
offers
living
water
to a
Samaritan
woman
at the
well.



A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
Psalm 95:6

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Lover of enemies, Forgiver of sins,
may we celebrate the new life you have given us! Amen*

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michele R. Goff

INTROIT

“Hold On (from *The Secret Garden*)”
Worship in Spirit and in Truth

Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE

Liturgist, Lynn Tieken

Come, you who are thirsty—
here is water that sustains weary souls.
Come, you who are despairing—
here is the Rock of Our Salvation.
Come, make a joyful noise to the Lord.
Let us enter God's presence with praise!

*HYMN #65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Williams, 1762

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CONFESSION

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION - UNISON

Lord, time and again, you defy our expectations. You cross barriers of culture and creed and look into the eyes of a stranger, and we are astonished. We confess that we are not keen to do the same. While you teach inclusion, we preserve division; while you model hospitality, we default to suspicion. Open our eyes to see your mission for what it is—the healing of the world. Astonish us with your grace, O God, that we might move from surprise to service, and from doubt to faithfulness. By your Spirit, inspire and empower us to proclaim your good news in word and deed.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

“Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

So, drink deeply of God's grace, and trust that you are forgiven. ***Thanks be to God.***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

— *Word* —

ANTHEM

“*Come Thou Fount of Ev’ry Blessing*”

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Exodus 17:1-7

Bibles, p.61/LG.p.79

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

GREEK SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-11

Bibles, p.145/LG.p.188

We proclaim Christ crucified—the wisdom and power of God. *Thanks be to God.*

SOLO

“*Waving Through a Window (from Dear Evan Hansen)*” Joshua Allen
A Samaritan Outcast is Included at the Well

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

John 4:5-42

Bibles, p.89/ LG. p.115

All of this is from God, who entrusts us with the message of reconciliation.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

***HYMN #626**

“*As the Deer*”

Nystrom, 1984

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - RESPONSIVE

Your kingdom come, *your will be done.*

LORD’S PRAYER - UNISON

*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY - OLD HUNDREDTH #607**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION - UNISON**

*God of grace,
you have gifted us with life in Christ.
Today we bring the gifts of our work
and the gifts of our hearts.
May all that we bring and all that we are
be your means of grace in the world,
that all people may encounter your good news. Amen.*

— *Sending* —

***HYMN #79**

“*Light Dawns on a Weary World*”

Bringle, 2001

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

...and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

...take up the cross and Follow me. **Amen.**

***RESPONSE #79** “*Light Dawns on a Weary World*” (*Refrain*)

Bringle, 2001

POSTLUDE

Selected