

Worship Outline

Lent 3A

March 15, 2020

We Gather

Prelude

A Lenten Prelude
V.D. Thompson

Introit
Place

There's a Holy Presence in this

Denton

+Call to Worship (responsive)

Jesus met the blind man at the city gate.

Jesus met the crowds at the edge of the sea.

Jesus met the leper in his pain.

And Jesus met the Samaritan woman in her isolation.

So with confidence we declare—

Jesus meets us here.

For we too are the blind and the broken, the hurting and the bleeding.

Jesus meets our scars, our fears, our prayers, and our dreams.

So you are welcome here.

All are welcome here.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 479

Ho, All Who Thirst

Unison Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Gracious God, when it comes to our faith, we know we could learn from the Samaritan woman who ran through the streets singing your name.

So forgive us for the times when we remain silent about what our faith means to us.

Forgive us for the times when we choose comfort over bravery.

And forgive us for the times we shut people out, missing opportunities to run into you.

Teach us to be brave like the Samaritan woman, and saturate our thirst for that which leaves us thirsty.

With hope and gratitude we confess.

With hope and gratitude we pray.

Silence is kept.

Friends, hear the words of Christ: “Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give them will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” Accept Christ’s offer of refreshing love and forgiveness, meant for you this day.

Welcome and Peace

God has received us, pardoned us and loved us;

let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

+Gathering Song 437

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Anthem

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

Pethel
Chancel Choir
Martha Keeley, flute

Scripture Lesson

John 4: 7-15

Let us pray...Creator God, your Word is the rock beneath our feet, a firm foundation for our lives. Send us your Holy Spirit to be our guide and our light of understanding as we listen for your solid wisdom this day in the name of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

4 Now when Jesus^[a] learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” **2** —although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized— **3** he left Judea and started back to Galilee. **4** But he had to go through Samaria. **5** So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. **6** Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” **8** (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) **9** The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)^[b] **10** Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” **11** The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? **12** Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” **13** Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, **14** but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The

water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” 15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

16 Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” 17 The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” 19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you^[e] say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” 21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I am he,^[d] the one who is speaking to you.”

27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” 28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29 “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah,^[e] can he?” 30 They left the city and were on their way to him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” 32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” 33 So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” 34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35 Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36 The reaper is already receiving^[f] wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38 I sent

you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Kanerva

Rev. Liz Rolf

+Hymn 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Prayers of the People

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.

Choral Prayer Response

Whatever We Ask in Prayer
Fontana

Offering

Invitation

Having tasted the living water in Christ's love and forgiveness,
we bring our gifts to God in gratitude for such refreshment and renewal.

Offertory

The Old Rugged Cross
Price

+Congregational Response 710

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.*

*All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.*

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.*

+Dedication

Loving God, we offer you our gifts and our very selves, knowing that it is in your service we find true fulfillment. Bless all that we have to offer, so that we may become gifts to those who encounter us through the grace of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sending

+Hymn 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

+Blessing and Benediction

God meets us in the hard places. The territories of struggle. The sites of desperation. The places of deepest need. In our fears and our pain, God comes beside us. With a commitment to extending this care to one another and all our neighbors, so that none may be left alone, the Spirit sends us with peace.

+Congregational Benediction 612 (verse 3)

*With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!*

Postlude

Allegro
Corelli