Morning Worship
9:30 AM
March 15, 2020
3rd Sunday in Lent

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Leader: The Lord be with you!
People: And also with you!

PASSING OF THE PEACE
CALL SOMEONE FROM YOUR CHURCH AND CHECK ON THEM AND PRAY TOGETHER

PRELUDE

“I always get to where I am going by walking away from where I have been.”
--Winnie the Pooh
CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader: We come, our souls thirsting for God, our spirits longing for love.

People: We come to the One who supplies every need; we come to the One who gives us living water.

Leader: We come, with prayers in our hearts, and with words too painful to speak.

People: We come to the One who listens to our hearts, who carries our suffering through eternity.

Leader: We come, with our brokenness and loss, with our hope to be made whole.

People: We come to the One who knows all our secrets, who brings peace to all of us - and to each of us.

HYMN #307  God of Grace and God of Glory
CALL TO RECONCILIATION*
Leader: Walking the dog, reading a bedtime story, recycling newspapers - in every moment, in every place, God is there. Let us confess how often we do not see God in our lives, especially in how we live them.
†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of eternity, you know how often we travel down the rocky roads of doubt and fear. We pester others with our worries; we hurl bitter words at those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service, but give only our contempt to those in need. We could share the living waters with the world, but want to store it in jars for safe-keeping. Fountain of Grace, you turn towards us, to meet us wherever we are. You break open our rock-hard sin, so we might be made whole. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our thirst for hope and joy is quenched.

†MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader:  God does not disappoint us. Our sins are forgiven, our lives are made whole, we are sent forth to serve.

People:  In Jesus Christ, living water breaks through the roof of our hearts, in such abundance that we don't have enough buckets to hold it all. Thanks be to God. Amen.

†RESPONSE TO PARDON #448

448 Peace of God Be with You
As-salaamu lakum

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

MUSICAL OFFERING

William Byrd

I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health
Adult Choir
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Leader: O God, as your Word became flesh in the coming of Jesus, so we pray that the scriptures we read today might come alive in our hearts and minds.
People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING
John 4:4-30;39-42
Jesus had to go through Samaria. He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me some water to drink.” His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food. The Samaritan woman asked, “Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” (Jews and Samaritans didn’t associate with each other.) Jesus responded, “If you recognized God’s gift and who is saying to you, ‘Give me some water to drink,’ you would be asking him and he would give you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you don’t have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? You aren’t greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!” Jesus said to her, “Go, get your husband, and come back here.” The woman replied, “I don’t have a husband.” “You are right to say, ‘I don’t have a husband,’” Jesus answered. “You’ve had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn’t your husband. You’ve spoken the truth.” The woman said, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You and your people worship what you don’t know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth.”
The woman said, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us.” Jesus said to her, “I Am—the one who speaks with you.” Just then, Jesus’ disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you
want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” The woman put down her water jar and went into the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who has told me everything I’ve done! Could this man be the Christ?” They left the city and were on their way to see Jesus.

... Many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman’s word when she testified, “He told me everything I’ve ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. Many more believed because of his word, and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this one is truly the savior of the world.”

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to you and to the church.
People: Thanks be to God.

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN
(Children K-5 are then invited to accompany the leader to Children’s Chapel)

SERMON  Reflections from Our Pastors

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN #174  Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom
JOYS AND CONCERNS**  (A Silence)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.

RESPONSE #469  Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
OFFERING
(You are encouraged to go to your church’s website if they have online giving, if not, perhaps consider writing a check and mailing it)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN #450  Be Thou My Vision
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Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)

1. Be thou my vis- ion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis-dom, and thou my true Word;
3. Rich-es I heed not, nor vain, emp-ty praise;
4. High King of Heav-en, my vic-to-ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev-er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in-her-i-tance, now and al-ways;
may I reach heav-en’s joys, O bright heav-en’s Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul’s shel-ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on-ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)

wak-ing or sleep-ing, thy pres-ence my light.
raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav-en, my trea-sure thou art.
still be my vis- ion, O Rul-er of all.

†BENEDICTION

A Prayer of St. Patrick

Adult Choir

†THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

* Liturgy adapted from Thom Shuman’s

lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com
**Joys and Concerns of the People:** We invite you to share a joy or concern during worship by commenting on the livestream and we will read those out loud for the community of faith.

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