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8:30 Worship

The Church Gathers in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“In Lent Christians are urged to refrain from business as usual in order to attend to the body, mind, spirit, and heart. It is a time set aside to connect our faith walk with the ways in which we live, move, and have our being throughout daily life.”

PRELUDE

John Daane

GREET AND WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus bids us welcome. He brings peace and forgiveness.

P: Yet we dwell in the midst of doubt and fear.

L: Jesus bids us welcome. He brings hope and healing.

P: But we persist in our ways of stubbornness and greed.

L: Jesus, come among us once more and bring us your word of Peace.

P: Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to receive your healing Word.

*OPENING CHORUS Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #89 (v 1-3)

*Please stand if you are able.

UNISON PRAYER

God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to truly believe that you would actually heal and love us. We have chosen to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants. AMEN

SILENT PRAYER

The Church Hears God's Word

Romans 5: 1-11

(Responsive reading)

L: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

P: ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

L: ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;

P: ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope.

L: ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

P: ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

L: ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

P: ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

L: ⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

P: ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

L: ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel of John 4:5-15, 27-42

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" ¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him. ³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." ³³ Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" ³⁴ "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor. ³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me

everything I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers. ⁴² They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

L: This is the word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Dr. Kim

The Church Responds to God

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Bart Briggs

30 HOUR FAMINE

Youth Group

OFFERING PRAYER

Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. Amen.

RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.**

*HYMN

Blessed Assurance

#369 (v 1-2)

*DEPART WITH BLESSING

Drink deeply of the waters of Salvation and quench your thirst for truth, for the Lord is with you. Go in God's peace and bring the good news to all whom you meet.



"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." - 2 Corinthians 9:8

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March 20-21

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