

**The Service for the Lord's Day
with the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**A Deeper
Well**

*Whoever drinks the water I
give them will never thirst*
John 4:14



February 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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Please silence all devices

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers.

Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Fountain Reverie”

Percy Fletcher
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: If you're tired and thirsty,

All: come to the water.

One: If you're hungry and searching,

All: come to the table.

One: If you're lost and looking,

All: come to the Word.

RESPONSE (see insert)

“Ho, All Who Thirst”

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One: If you're needing grace, come to worship.

All: We come to God's embrace.

***HYMN: #692**

“Eat This Bread and Never Hunger”

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CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: God's grace is like an overflowing fountain. And so we can humbly come before God and each other with our truest selves. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

All: Gracious Lord, we confess to a stubborn addiction to the wells of our own making: wells full of pride and arrogance, wells full of hopelessness and cynicism, wells full of fear and callousness. Draw us again to your deeper well brimming with the Living Water of your peace, grace, and truth. Help us rest by your well and drink deeply of all you have to offer.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: By the grace of Christ, we pray,

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! The mercy of God is like cool water on a hot day. Know that you are fully forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Praise be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #734

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.

MOMENT AT THE WELL

What about our life together at FPCRO refreshes your faith?

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION¹

All: Life-giving God, we come to drink deeply from your well of grace. As the scripture is read, let your words wash over us. As your love flows forth, satisfy our thirst. Then, let us invite others to the spring of grace that gushes up to eternal life. Amen.

PSALM:

“Psalm 63”

Sung to the hymn-tune *St. Anne*, # 84 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**“O God, my God with eagerness I long to see your face;
Lost in a dry and barren land, I thirst to taste your grace.”**

Paraphrase of Psalm 63, ©1999 Michael Morgan, Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 4:4-15

Pew Bible, NT pg. 97

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.**ANTHEM:**

"Come to the Water"

John Foley/Jack Schrader

~Chancel Choir

"O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord. Come to the water. Come to the Lord."

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SERMON

"Springs of Living Water"

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING****OFFERTORY**

"Come to the Waters"

Paul S. Jones

~Audrey Frieberg

"Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty; drink from the fountain that never runs dry. Jesus, the living one, offers you mercy, life more abundant in boundless supply. Come to the river that flows through the city, forth from the throne of the Father and Son. Jesus the Savior says, 'Come and drink deeply.' Drink from the pure, inexhaustible one. Drink from the fountain without any money; buy what is given without any cost. Jesus, the gracious one, welcomes the weary; Jesus, the selfless one, died for the lost. Come to the well of unmerited favor; stretch out your hand; fill your cup to the brim. Jesus is such a compassionate savior. Draw from the grace that flows freely from him. Come to the savior, the God of Salvation. God has provided an end to sin's strife. Why will you suffer the law's condemnation? Take the free gift of the water of life."

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***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn #34

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Our God created the world... we join our voices together in praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na



in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

One: Despite all God's goodness... We proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

One: And so we come here, to font and table... we join our voices in the prayer our Lord taught us, saying,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The bread and cup are offered in a basket at the entrance to the service for each worshipper to bring with them to their seat. When invited by the pastor, please open the top film of packaging to eat the bread; then open the second film for the cup. We enjoy the meal together as a sign of our unity in Christ. A gluten free option is available. Please place trash in the bins located near the exits or in the narthex.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: God, we have tasted your goodness and drawn from your well. Help us dig deeply, that we may continue to find your grace. Help us also to receive with joy the gifts you give without any effort of our own. Send us out refreshed and made new. We pray in the name of Christ, who gives us living water, Amen.

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN: (see insert)** “Crashing Waters at Creation”

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: “Gaudeamus”

Sidney Campbell
©1956 Oxford University Press

Next Sunday, remember to bring a stone to leave at the well.

**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

1. Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Great Prayer were adapted from the Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett, Deep Well Worship.

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Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by the Mark Ryan Family
in loving memory of Dale & Lois Ryan and Joseph & Nancy Nalepa.

February H.O.M.E. Project

We are collecting diapers for The Natural Momma Me Initiative, a local affiliate of the National Diaper Bank Network which serves the Metro Detroit area. Pick up project bags today, Sunday, February 6 and **return by Sunday, February 27**. All sizes of diapers may be purchased, as well as wipes. An Amazon Wish List is available if you would like to order diapers online for direct delivery to The Natural Momma Me Initiative: <http://a.co/7ekAAr5>

Sub Sandwiches Pick up February 13

If you ordered subs from S.T.A.G.E., they **will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 13, from 11 am-1 pm at FPCRO**. Funds from the Super Bowl Sub Sale will help support S.T.A.G.E. summer mission trips. Thank you for your support!

Souper Bowl of Caring

On **Sunday, February 13** we are participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. You are invited to bring a non-perishable item for our Little Free Pantry. Cans with pull-tabs are very useful. Fruit cups and cereal bars are also great to include. (Please, no glass containers.)

Refugee Resettlement Housewares Collection

We expect to be matched with an Afghan refugee family very soon! Our housewares collection is underway – thank you for your quick response! If you took a tag to donate items, please return the items to church in the next few weeks. As the need for additional items and furniture pieces is identified, these will be posted on the board in the Christian Education lobby. Questions? Please speak with Julie Matthews or Gretchen Hirsch about the collection.

Prepare for Lent

Lent begins March 4 and takes us to Easter on April 17. Our theme is *Good Enough*, inspired by the new devotional book by Kate Bowler and Jessica Ritchie, *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*. **Preorder your copy of *Good Enough*** from your favorite bookseller now. And **sign up to participate in a weekly Zoom small group discussion** of the devotionals during Lent. These will meet once a week on Zoom, at the times below, for about 30 minutes from the week of March 6 through the week of April 10. Please sign up ahead of time to participate, using the link in the weekly email (<https://tinyurl.com/2p8c5r5h>) or call the church office.

- Sundays at 7 pm, led by Derek Helenberger
- Wednesdays at 7 pm, led by Kevin Ball and Krispen Carroll
- Thursdays at 10:30 am, led by Chris Klein