

## The Service for the Lord's Day

# A Deeper Well



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

**February 27, 2022**

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Dedication Sunday

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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 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.*

### **I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

#### **PRELUDE**

“Grave and Adagio” (Sonata II)

*Felix Mendelssohn*  
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#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

One: Surely God is my salvation;

**All: I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.**

One: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

**All: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.**

**\*RESPONSE (refrain only →)** “Ho, All Who Thirst”

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One: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

**All: Shout aloud and sing for joy!**

#### **\*HYMN: #6**

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

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#### **CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON**

One: God promises to wash our sin away so that we become dazzling and clean. Trusting in God's promise, we turn to God. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>**

**All: Gracious God, we confess that in all the struggle and details of life we lose sight of your everlasting promises. Turn our heads from what does not matter to focus on your love, grace, and hope that brings us life abundant and eternal. Show us how to be attentive to the things you care about most.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

# Ho, All Who Thirst

## Come Now to the Water

Capo 3: (D) (A) (G) (Em7) (A)  
Refrain F C B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C  
*All*



Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and

(D) (Bm) (G) (Em) (G) (A)  
F Dm B<sup>b</sup> Gm B<sup>b</sup> C



all whose souls are parched and wea - ry, come and drink!

(D) (A) (G) (Em7) (A)  
F C B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C



Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and


(D) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
F Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Fsus F *Fine*



from your heart will flow a nev - er - fail - ing spring!


(Bm) (A) (G) (Bm) (A)  
Dm C B<sup>b</sup> Dm C

*Leader or All*



1 Why for - sake the Lord, the fount of liv - ing wa - ter,  
2 For the Lamb will be our shep - herd and will guide us  
3 All who come may take this gift of liv - ing wa - ter.

(Bm) (C) (Bm) (A) (A7)  
Dm E<sup>b</sup> Dm C C7  
*to Refrain*



choos - ing bro - ken cups that can - not be filled?  
to the well - springs of the wa - ter of life.  
They will thirst no more, for they shall be filled.

One: We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior,

**All: Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>1</sup>**

One: Hear the good news! God washes away our guilt and clothes us with forgiveness.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are made new. 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.***

### **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

## **II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION<sup>1</sup>**

**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 34”

Sung to the hymn-tune *St. Peter*, #603 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

***“Unto the Lord my praise I sing, God’s goodness ever bless;  
The proud convictions of my soul speak of God’s righteousness.  
Come, magnify the Lord with me! Together bring God praise,  
Whose presence overcomes all fear, and glory lights our days.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 34 ©1999, Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship; Witherspoon Press

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

Revelation 7:9-17

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 271*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **ANTHEM:**

“These Are They Which Follow the Lamb”

*John Goss*

*~Chancel Choir*

***“These are they which follow the Lamb wither-so-ever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.”***

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### **SERMON**

“A Gathering of Praise”

*Rev. Emma Nickel*

### **III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

#### **MOMENT AT THE WELL**

*What legacy do you want to leave for others?*

#### **INVITATION TO THE WELL**

##### **OFFERTORY**

“Lord God of Abraham” (Elijah)

*Felix Mendelssohn*

~Noah Rogers

*“Draw near all ye people, come to me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; this day let it be known that Thou art God, and I am Thy servant! Lord God of Abraham! O show to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word! O hear me, Lord, and answer me! And show this people that Thou art Lord God; and let their hearts again be turned!”*

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##### **\*RESPONSE (previous page, all verses)**

“Ho, All Who Thirst”

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*During the response, all are invited to come forward to pick up a painted stone to take with you as a symbol of the grace we find at God’s well. If you brought your pledge card with you today, you can place it in the basket near the well.*

##### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

##### **\*LITANY OF COMMITMENT**

**All: As people of faith, we seek a deeper well.**

*Right: The work of faith requires much of us, so we dig deep:*

*Left: into our pockets and bank accounts; into our schedules and energy reserves,*

*Right: into our hearts and our strength; into our trust in the God we love.*

*Left: The life of faith offers much to us, so we draw deeply:*

*Right: from the peace and joy of worship; from the love and friendship of this congregation;*

*Left: from the promises of Holy Scripture; from the grace of the God who loves us.*

**All: As people of faith, we seek a deeper well.**

##### **PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE and 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.**

#### **IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

##### **\*HYMN: #528**

“Here from All Nations”

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##### **\*BENEDICTION**

##### **POSTLUDE:**

“Acclamations” (Suite Médiévale)

*Jean Langlais*

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*\*Indicates please stand as you are able.*

- 1 Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness and Litany of Commitment were adapted from the Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett, Deep Well Worship.

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The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in celebration of the sixth anniversary of Naomi's baptism by Emma and Matthew Nickel.

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### **Ash Wednesday**

- Worship in the sanctuary at **7 pm** on **March 2** to receive the imposition of ashes and begin the season of Lent together.
  - Receive **drive-up ashes at the church from 12 noon to 1 pm** if you won't be at worship that evening.
  - If you plan to worship online in the evening, or can't attend the service, feel free to come by for your ashes earlier in the day at our drive-up time 12 noon to 1 pm.
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### **Good Enough Lent**

**Lent begins March 2** and takes us to Easter on April 17. Our theme is *Good Enough*, inspired by the new devotional book by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie, *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*. **Order 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
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### **Help Our Refugee Family Get Settled**

We have been matched with an Afghan refugee family of eight! If you have taken a tag to donate items, please return the items to church in the next few weeks. Look for new items being posted in the coming weeks, including furniture. Questions? Please speak with Julie Matthews or Gretchen Hirsch about the collection.

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