

## The Service for the Lord's Day

# A Deeper Well



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

**February 20, 2022**

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

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

#### **PRELUDE**

*~Jubilate Bells*

“Remembering”

*John A. Behnke*

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### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

One: We are drawn to God by love:

**All: love to search and keep us, love to save and sanctify us.**

One: We are drawn to each other by love:

**All: love to nourish and sustain us, love to connect and forgive us.**

**\*RESPONSE** (page opposite →) “Ho, All Who Thirst”

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One: We are drawn to worship to love:

**All: to love the God who creates us and to love the God who restores us!**

#### **\*HYMN: #1**

“God Is Here!”

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

One: In this place, we are reminded how much we are loved. And so we can be truthful with God and each other about our missteps, without any fear. 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 to all the sins that tear relationships apart: pride, arrogance, greed, gossip, mistrust, jealousy, assuming the worst of others and bringing to them the worst of ourselves. Mend the broken places in our families, neighborhoods, churches, and communities. Bind us together as the one loving and beloved body of Christ, committed to remembering that we need each other just as we need you.**

# Ho, All Who Thirst

## Come Now to the Water

Capo 3: (D)

Refrain *All*

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



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!

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: We trust in your love,

**All: Amen.**

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

One: Hear the good news! Nothing—not death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation—is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All: Through the power of that love, we are forgiven. 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 133”

Sung to the hymn-tune *Maryton*, #589 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

***“How good when all the earth is one, and hearts embrace community;  
When strife will cease to separate, and love binds all in unity.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 133 ©1999, Michael Morgan, Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

Genesis 29:1-14

*Pew Bible, OT pg. 27*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:**

“Within These Walls”

Pepper Choplin

~Chancel Choir

“Within these walls, we assemble. Within these walls, we gather in Your name. As we join our hearts in a holy union, we come to find communion in Your holiness again. Within these walls, let there be harmony; a common bond; a Spirit from above. And as Your children let us love each other as sisters and as brothers united by Your love. REFRAIN: We are the branches, You are the vine. We are the vessels and You are the wine. We are the body, You are the head. For every hunger, You are the bread. Within these walls, let there be refuge, a place of rest when doubts and trials form. And let us lift each other as we gather together to find Your peace no matter how terrible the storm. REFRAIN. Within these walls, give us Your vision. Within these walls, let us understand that beyond these walls, there are hurting people who have never feel Your healing hand. Beyond these walls, send us forward. Beyond these walls, let Your will be done. We are Your people; You will leave us never, and we shall work together until Your kingdom comes! Within these walls, let us listen. Within these walls, let us pray.”

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**SERMON**

“Going to the Source”

Rev. Emma Nickel

**III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD****MOMENT AT THE WELL***What legacy do you want to leave for others?***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING****OFFERTORY**

“Let us Love One Another”

Arnold Sherman

~Olivia Donnel

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God, and all who know and call upon His name are children of our Lord. Beloved, this is what love is; not that we love God, but that He first loved us and sent His only Son to free us from our sin. How can we not know our God? How can we not love our God? He sent His only Son to die for our sins. Is there greater love than this? Beloved, if this is how God loves, then we should love all men, and live in perfect harmony with all, and God will live in us. Let us love one another.”

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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<sup>1</sup>**

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

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

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

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

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

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

One: from the peace and joy of worship; from the love and friendship of this congregation;  
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: #542**

“They Did Not Build in Vain”

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:**

“Paean”

*Percy Whitlock*

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***Join us in the Christian Education lobby after worship to paint a rock — no artistic gifts required! The rocks will be given out next week in worship to remind us of God's overflowing grace.***

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

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

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## **Music Notes**

The Prelude this morning is a 2020 composition by composer John Behnke titled “Remembering.” It bears the following dedication:

*“For those who died in the 2020 Pandemic, that they may not be forgotten.”*

Today’s Anthem, “Within These Walls,” is a recent gift to the Music Library in memory of long-time choir member John Corwin, given by Carolyn and Ken Ledford.

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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 Adair & Don Calder in honor of our wonderful pastor, our wonderful choir, and all our FPCRO committees.

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### **Rock Painting Today!**

Plan to stay after worship **today** to paint a rock in the Christian Education Lobby. They will be given out next Sunday as reminders of God's overflowing grace.

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### **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 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>

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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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### **Prepare for 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 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
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### **Refugee Resettlement Housewares Collection**

We have been matched with an Afghan refugee family! If you have taken a tag to donate items, please return the items to church in the next few weeks. Questions? Please speak with Julie Matthews or Gretchen Hirsch about the collection.