

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
3rd Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: Hymn 479

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" Spiritual, arr. Ulrich

Call to Worship

O come, let us worship and bow down; Ps. 95:6; John 4:23

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

The hour is coming and is now here.

In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

* Hymn 386 "Come, Worship God" Psalm 95
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know who we are. John 4:5-24

You know everything we have done.

We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.

We commit ourselves to things that will never last.

We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water.

Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.

Forgive us, O Lord,

and give us this living water,

so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response (71)

**Surely it is God who saves me, I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.**

Reception of New Members

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7 (OT, p. 64)

A Time with Children

Anthem "What Wondrous Love" Southern Harmony; arr. Collins

Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-29 (NT, p. 94)

Sermon: "Words by the Well"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 479 "Ho, All Who Thirst"

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (p.14)

Presentation of Nicholas Walter Rosiecki

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "By the Babylonian Rivers" arr. Hobby

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "The Glory of These Forty Days" arr. Sedio

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Linda Weaver and Dave Kohler to the glory of God in memory of Ralph and Jean Weaver, Jack Kohler, and Peggy Claycomb.

Welcomers this morning are Janet Dobson and Amber Kusma.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Directory of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Tina Ide
Ushers	John Conklin, Carole LaCoe, Shirley McLaughlin, Brian Schillinger



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Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

John 4:5-29

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket,

and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"