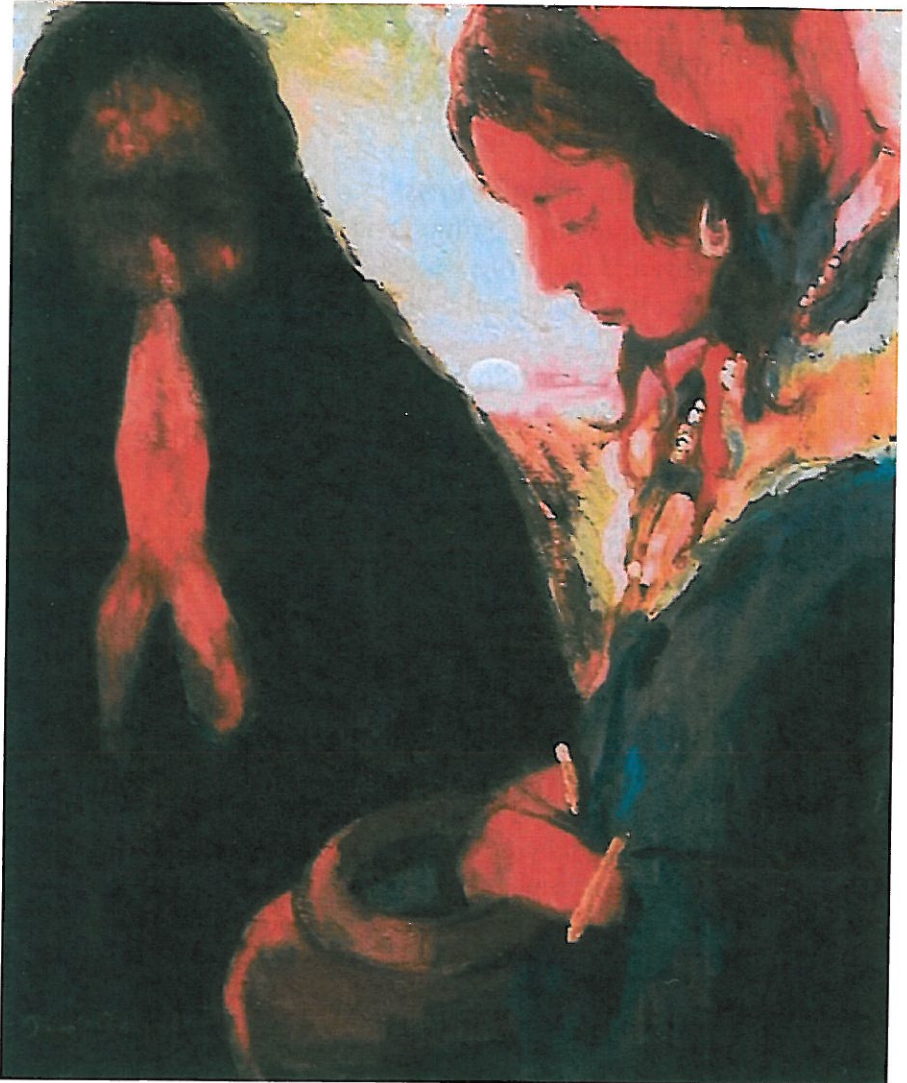


Service of Worship

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 13, 2011
8:45am and 11am



"The Woman at the Well" Daniel Bonnell, c. 1955

We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today.

For parents with young children: a nursery is available during all services in the lower level for children under age 5. If you are visiting, please complete the Communication Card located on the chair backs. Hymnals and Bibles are located under each chair.

◆ ***Prelude***

◆ ***Gathering Song What Wondrous Love Is This*** 666

◆ ***Welcome and Announcements***

◆ ***Sharing of the Peace***

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

◆ ***Confession and Forgiveness***

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who spread out the heavens and the earth, who gives us light and breath to the nations, who makes all things new.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Holy and healing God,

C: **we confess that we have fallen short of the life you desire for us. We choose our priorities over your commandments. We divide the body of Christ. The earth groans under our demands. Have mercy, O God. Restore us and all things to health, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.**

P: Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." You belong to Christ, and through the power of the cross your sins are all forgiven. God is faithful and will strengthen you, that your light may shine before others, that you may be God's holy people in the world.

Amen.

◆ **Opening Song** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* **645**
V. 1&2 – Congregation, V. 3 – Bells alone V. 4 - Congregation

◆ **Greeting**

P: The grace of God in Christ Jesus, poured out in every gift of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

◆ **The Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray:

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

◆ **First Reading**

Acts 10: 9-16, 23b-28

⁹ About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. ¹² In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³ Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ¹⁴ But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." ¹⁵ The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁶ This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴ The following day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵ On Peter's arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. ²⁶ But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a mortal." ²⁷ And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; ²⁸ and he said to them, "You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean."

◆ *Special Music Beloved, Let Us Love One Another*

Peace Choir

Beloved, let us love one another, for the love is of God; and they who love are born of God, and know God: for God is love. In this the love of God was made known; that God sent his Son, his only Son, that we might live through him.

◆ *Gospel Reading*

John 4:5-30, 39-42

Congregation: So he (Jesus) 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.

Jesus: "Give me a drink."

Samaritan Woman: "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?"

Jesus: "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."

Samaritan Woman: "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: "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."

Samaritan Woman: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus: "Go, call your husband, and come back."

Samaritan Woman: "I have no husband."

Jesus: "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!"

Samaritan Woman: "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: “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.”

Samaritan Woman: “I know that Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”

Jesus: “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Congregation: “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,

Samaritan Woman: “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”

Congregation: Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

◆ ***Children’s Message***

Pastor Mark Nelson

◆ ***Song*** ***Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*** ***(sung to 565)***

Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by your grace. God, let us be a meeting ground where hope and healing love are found.

God, let us be a bridge of care connecting people

everywhere. Help us confront all fear and hate and lust for pow'r that separate.

When chasms widen, storms arise, O Holy Spirit, make us wise. Let our resolve, like steel, be strong to stand with those who suffer wrong.

God, let us be a table spread with gifts of love and broken bread. Where all find welcome, grace attends and enemies arise as friends.

◆ *Message Responding to Homosexuality* Pastor Mark Nelson

◆ *Song* All Are Welcome (V. 1, 4, 5) 641

◆ *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

◆ *Giving Back to God/Offertory*

◆ *Offering Response* Create In Me 185

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

◆ *Offertory Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

◆ **Prayer Song** *Calm to the Waves* 794
Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still." Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.

◆ **Prayers of the Church**

*We remember in our prayers: **Peace Members:** Vi Turner, Barbara Lockwood, Chirapaporn Ekegren, Ardis Bogen, Karen Bramer **Friends of Peace:** Ken Kjeldahl, Jerry Yeager, Barbara Howell, Deb Simensen, Tom Bro, Scott Hyde, Ruth Lahti, Lynn Engel, Donna Mattys, Dixie Wolfe, Travis Martinek, Roy Jacobson, Kara Nelson, Harold Kjeldahl **Military:** Matt Bartels*

◆ **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 and ever. Amen.

◆ **God's Blessing to Us**

P: God the Father, the Majestic Glory; God the Son, the Morning Star; and God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, bless you and grant you peace. Amen.

◆ **Song** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* 611

◆ **Sending**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God.

The altar flowers this morning are given by Gary and Diane Vig in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.

Worship Assistants

8:45am

Ushers: Ken and Kristen Kokkinen
Greeters: Gene and Deb Cross
Lector: Gene Cross, MaryLynn Mennicke, Josiah Laubenstein

11:00am

Ushers: Ken Cryer and Mary Waters-Cryer
Greeters: Mike and Stephanie Lindberg
Lector: Mike Lindberg, MaryLynn Mennicke, Josiah Laubenstein

Music: Jon and Anita Young
Hosts: Children and Youth Ministry Team
Peace Bell Choir: led by Josiah Laubenstein, Peace Choral Scholar

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