

March 19, 2017 11:15 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Gathering Songs #626 "As the Deer" #743 "O God, You Are My God"

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Call to Worship

Come, you who are thirsty –
here is living water.
Come, you who are weary –
here is the fount of eternal life.
Let us drink from the well of grace.
Let us worship the Lord!

Song #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

## Prayer of Confession

Lord – time and again, you defy our expectations. When you cross barriers of culture and creed, and look into the eye of a stranger, we are astonished.

We confess that we are not keen to do the same. While you teach inclusion, we preserve division; while you model hospitality, we default to suspicion. Open our eyes to see your mission for what it is – the healing of the world.

Astonish us with your grace, O God, that we might move from surprise to service, and from doubt to faithfulness.

By your Spirit, inspire and empower us to proclaim your good news in word and deed.

Silent Prayer

## Assurance of God's Forgiveness

The good news of God's grace is for you, just as it was for those who encountered Jesus in the stories of Scripture. As a reminder of this promise, we invite you to come forward to take a ribbon from the water jar on the communion table. Come, you who are thirsty – here is living water.

## Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture

John 4:1-42

... 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."

Message

"At the Well"

**Sudie Niesen Thompson** 

Song #479

"Ho, All Who Thirst"

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Song #767

"Together We Serve"

Response #547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Verse 1

Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.

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We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is held at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

Please remember in your prayers: Connie Henke and Bill Marsh, who were recently hospitalized.

**Children are welcome in worship.** You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

Image: He Qi, "Samaritan Woman at the Well," www.heqiart.com

Pastors: Gregory Knox Jones and Sudie Niesen Thompson

Pianist: Paul Fleckenstein Song Leader: Sharon Babcock Guitarist: Matthew Lavanish Digital Artist: Bob Cox

Woman at the Well: Mary-beth Howard





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