

*THE  
FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*

LIVING WATER

The water I give him will become in him a spring of  
water welling up to eternal life / John 4:14



**3rd SUNDAY IN LENT**

Sunday, March 12, 2023

10:00 A.M.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* arr. H.S. Livingston, Jr.

### WELCOME

Liturgist

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

**Let us sing to the rock of our salvation.**

Even in the deserts of our lives,

**God is among us.**

Come, let us worship and bow down;

**let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

\*HYMN #383 *"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kaul

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

**Jesus, friend of all, once again, we come to you knowing our words have stung, our actions have harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its day. Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you, yet we do not imitate you in our lives. We scorn those who are different from us, and relish our own comfort. Once again, forgive us, O God. Give us your living water, that we might tell the world all you have done for us.**

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Kaul

We know that God is with us even in our sufferings,  
for suffering produces endurance,  
endurance produces character,  
character produces hope,  
**and hope does not disappoint us,  
because God's love has been poured into our hearts.  
Thanks be to God!**

\*GLORIA PATRI

**HEARING THE WORD**

ANTHEM *"Is There Room for a Sinner?"* Pepper Choplin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

**The Lenten Candle Wreath** The Sheppard Family

**The Symbolism of the Seven Candles:**

Theme as focus: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5)

**Third Sunday In Lent:** (adapted from Genesis 6-9)

**All: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.**

THE CANDLE READINGS

The Sheppard Family

**The Third Candle is extinguished.**

**Pastor:** For 40 days and nights the rain fell, the waters rose and covered the earth.

**People:** Lead us Lord, from death to life.

**Prayer:** Merciful God, strengthen us in prayer and for us on our journey. Help us lift up our world's brokenness to your healing power and saving love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

**Sung Response:#599 "Jesus Remember Me" sing twice**

GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-42

Rev. Kaul & Liturgist

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SERMON

*"Well Actually"*

Rev. Norlita Kaul

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN

*"Fill My Cup"*

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## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.** *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31*

## **TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Offertory *"Be Thou My Vision"* Irish Melody arr. M. Hyzer

\*Doxology

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION/THANKSGIVING

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER**

O healing river,

**pour down Your waters, and heal Your people.**

## **BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN #372 *"I've Got Peace Like A River"*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent, one from another. Amen.**

*(Mizpah Benediction)*

## **POSTLUDE**

*"Near to the Heart of God"* arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

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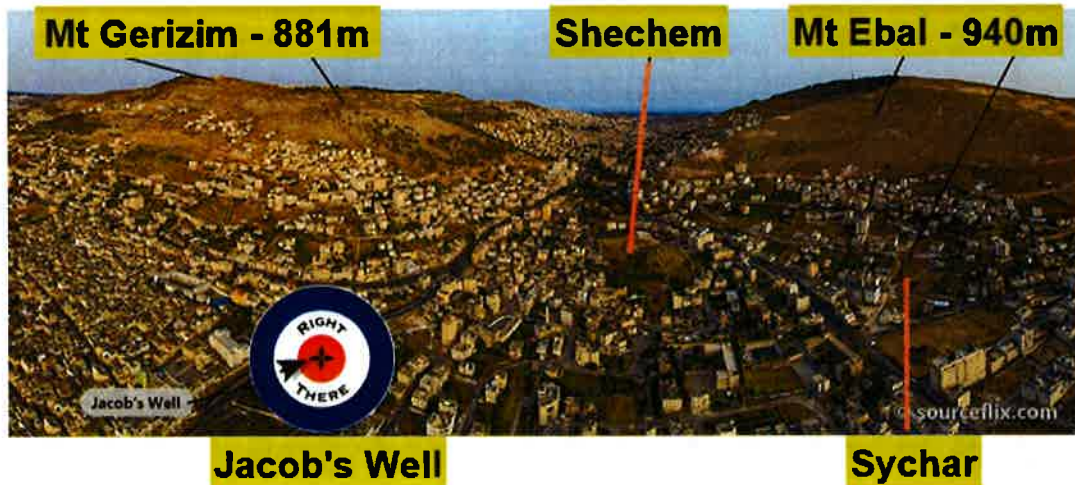
## **SYMBOLS:**

- \* - Those who are able, please stand.
- ☺ - Older children leave for Sunday School
- GTG - Glory To God Hymnal (PCUSA)

## Context For Today's Sermon

The Samaritan Woman appears at Jacob's well, near Shechem. Sychar was a city of refuge for anyone who unintentionally murdered an individual for Israelites, both Samaritans and Judeans. There is much symbolism that is not written of, the meaning of John 4:5-42 is quite profound, dense and deep! One day in the future, Rev. Kaul will lead a few faith forum sessions on this passage. Samaritans and Judeans didn't like each other and had major disagreements over theological views. Northern Kingdom vs. Southern Kingdoms of Israel. Sound familiar?

## JACOB'S WELL AT SHECHEM



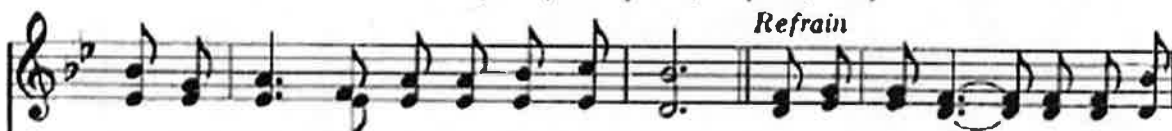
## 398 Fill My Cup, Lord

*Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. John 4:14*

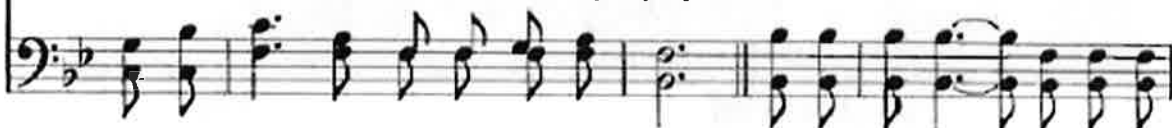
1. Like the wom-an at the well I was seek-ing For things that  
 2. There are mil-lions in this world who are crav-ing The pleas-ures  
 3. So, my broth-er, if the things this world gave you Leave hun-gers



could not sat-is-ify; And then I heard my Sav-ior speak-ing: "Draw  
 earth-ly things af-ford; But none can match the won-drous treas-ure 7  
 that won't pass a-way, My bless-ed Lord will come and save you, 7

*Refrain*

from My well that nev-er shall run dry."  
 That I find in Je-sus Christ, my Lord. Fill my cup, Lord-- I lift it  
 If you kneel to Him and hum-bly pray:



up, Lord! Come and quench this thirst-ing of my soul; Bread of heav-en,



feed me till I want no more—Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!



TEXT and MUSIC: Richard Blanchard

FILL MY CUP  
Irregular meter

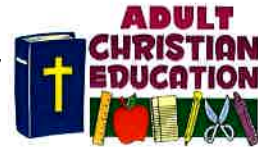


**TODAY**



Daylight saving time begins  
**Spring Forward 1 hour**

**After Fellowship Time: Adult Forum Study**  
**The Lord's Prayer** in Bonham Hall



**Monday, March 13, 2023**  
**Deacons Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.**  
in Bonham Hall

**Board of Deacons**



**Friday, March 17th**

**Happy St. Patrick's Day**



**Monday, March 20, 2023**  
**Mr. Rogers Day**  
**Trustee Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.**  
in Bonham Hall



**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**  
**Lunch Bunch @ 12:00 P.M. @ Green Olive**

**BSCA @ 7:00 P.M. in Bonham Hall**



**Presbytery Meeting @ 7:00 P.M. in Woodbury**



## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

For Cash offerings, please use the plain envelopes provided. Please also include your name/number on the outside of the envelope. Thanks!

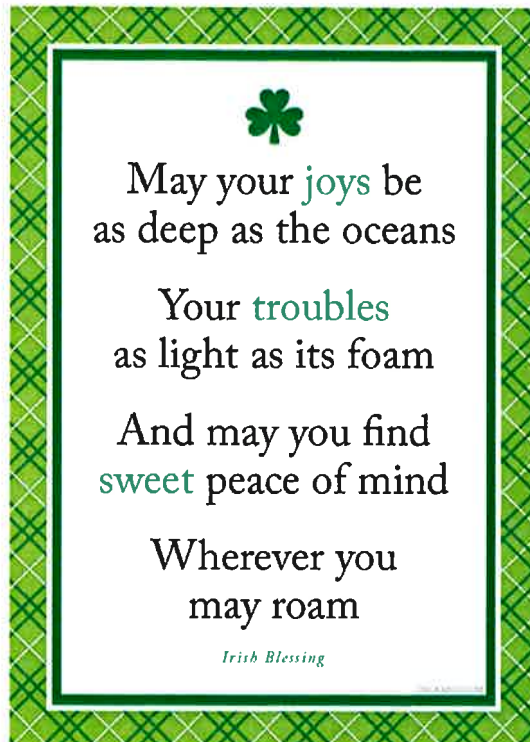


### A NOTE FROM THE PRESBY PERENNIALS

Anyone wishing to place flowers for Sunday worship, but unable to provide them, may send a monetary donation to the flower fund. This fund is overseen by the Presby Perennials. Monetary donation must be received 2 weeks prior to the Sunday on which the flowers are to be placed.



The flowers will be obtained by a member of the Presby Perennials and arranged. The dedication is still the responsibility of the donor and should be sent to the church office the Wednesday prior to that worship service.  
~Thank you for your help in this.





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