

March 14, 2010, 9:15 am - Fresh Spirit Worship - Fourth Sunday in Lent  
As we gather for worship,  
please introduce yourself to those around you.  
There are no strangers in God's house.

CALL TO WORSHIP *You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)* M. Imboden/T. Rhoton

You are holy (*You are holy*)  
You are mighty (*You are mighty*)  
You are worthy (*You are worthy*)  
Worthy of praise (*Worthy of praise*)  
I will follow (*I will follow*)  
I will listen (*I will listen*)  
I will love you (*I will love you*)  
All of my days (*All of my days*)

(Men) I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.  
And I will love and adore Him,  
And I will bow down before Him.  
And I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.  
And I will love and adore Him,  
And I will bow down before Him.  
*You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You.*

(Women) You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings,  
You are Mighty God, Lord of ev'rything.  
You're Emmanuel, You're the Great I AM,  
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb.  
You're the living God, You're my saving grace,  
You will reign forever, You are Ancient of Days.  
You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.  
You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend.  
*You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You.*

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WELCOME

REFLECTION FOR PEACE

GATHERING THE PEOPLE

One: God, enlarge our hearts,  
**All:** *so we can become compassionate enough to serve our neighbors.*  
One: God, broaden our minds,  
**All:** *so we may discern you in everyone we meet.*  
One: God, deepen our souls,  
**All:** *so we may continually overflow with your grace.*  
One: God, fill us with your love,  
**All:** *so we may be grateful enough to share it each and every day.*  
One: Let us worship God!

SUNG RESPONSE (from The Servant Song)

**All:** *We are pilgrims on a journey,  
We are travelers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.*

UNISON PRAYER FOR LENT

**All:** *We are chosen...  
Chosen to proclaim the wonderful work of God  
Who has called us out of darkness  
Into God's marvelous light.  
Once we were no people:  
Now we are God's People.*

*Once we didn't know God's mercy:  
With open hearts we wait for God's love and mercy to be fulfilled!  
Amen.*

OPENING SONG (see insert) *Holy Is The Lord* Chris Tomlin/Louie Giglio

RENEWING THE COVENANT

One: Let us pray.  
**All:** *Everlasting God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You hear the bitter words we speak to one another; you see the hurts we cause to those we claim to love; you bear the pain we inflict on everyone around us.  
Fountain of Grace, in Jesus Christ you do not turn your back on sinners, but meet us where we are. Parched by the heat of our desires, you cool us with living water. Burdened by our failures, you shoulder them with us. Thirsting for hope in our lives, you send us our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

---time for silent reflection---

One: Not when we had gotten it all right, but when we had gone wrong; not when we knew all the rules, but when we had broken God's heart—that's when Christ died for us, so we might live.

**All:** *What good news! What great joy! What wonderful hope! In Christ we are forgiven. Amen.*

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

OFFERING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG (see insert) *As Water To The Thirsty* David Haas

DOXOLOGY

*We thank you God for all you have given.  
Now we return a portion to you -  
For all that we have, and all that we are,  
We bring our gifts, and thank you God for life.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING John 4:1-26 CEV  
Jesus knew that the Pharisees had heard that he was winning and baptizing more followers than John was. But Jesus' disciples were really the ones doing the baptizing, and not Jesus himself. Jesus left Judea and started for Galilee again. This time he had to go through Samaria, and on his way he came to the town of Sychar. It was near the field that Jacob had long ago given to his son Joseph. The well that Jacob had dug was still there, and Jesus sat down beside it because he was tired from traveling. It was noon, and after Jesus' disciples had gone into town to buy some food, a Samaritan woman came to draw water from the well. Jesus asked her, "Would you please give me a drink of water?" "You are a Jew," she replied, "and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink of water when Jews and Samaritans won't have anything to do with each other?" Jesus answered, "You don't know what God wants to give you, and you don't know who is asking you for a drink. If you did, you would ask me for the water that gives life." "Sir," the woman said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where are you going to get this life-giving water? Our ancestor Jacob dug this well for us, and his family and animals got water from it. Are you greater than Jacob?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again. But no one who drinks the water I give will ever be thirsty again. The water I give is like a flowing fountain that gives eternal life." The woman replied, "Sir, please give me a drink of that water! Then I won't get thirsty and have to come to this well again." Jesus told her, "Go and bring your husband." The woman answered, "I don't have a

husband." "That's right," Jesus replied, "you're telling the truth. You don't have a husband. You have already been married five times, and the man you are now living with isn't your husband." The woman said, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. My ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews say Jerusalem is the only place to worship." Jesus said to her: Believe me, the time is coming when you won't worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans don't really know the one you worship. But we Jews do know the God we worship, and by using us, God will save the world. But a time is coming, and it is already here! Even now the true worshipers are being led by the Spirit to worship the Father according to the truth. These are the ones the Father is seeking to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship God must be led by the Spirit to worship him according to the truth. The woman said, "I know that the Messiah will come. He is the one we call Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." "I am that one," Jesus told her, "and I am speaking to you now."

SERMON *The Gospel of John—Water* Rev. Thomas D. York

FOCUS SONG (see insert) *There Is A Well* Tom Conry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 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, for ever. Amen.*

CLOSING SONG (see insert) *Share the Well* Caedmon's Call

BLESSING THE PEOPLE

Sources for today's liturgy: Gathering - *Thom Shuman, Lectionary Worship Aids, Series VIII, Cycle A*; Renewing the Covenant - *Thom Shuman, Lectionary Worship Aids, Series VIII, Cycle A*.

Thanks to confirmand Caroline Murray for serving as liturgist this morning.

If you feel called to serve God by researching, writing or speaking liturgy in future services, please feel free to talk with any of the worship leaders or drop a note in the offering plate.

Fresh Spirit Prayer Request cards and offering envelopes are available in the black fellowship pad folders. If you have a prayer request, concern or joy you wish to share, please fill out a card and place it in the offering bags. All concerns and joys are welcome!

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