

3rd Sunday in Lent – March 12, 2023 – 10:30am

## **Order of Worship**

### **The Community Gathers**

Lighting of Altar Candles

Gathering Music -

A Word of Greeting and Welcome/Centering Words ~

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Water in the desert flows from the rock of our salvation. The living water of Christ is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Opening Hymn\* - *"Lift High the Cross" (UMH 159)*

Roger Butcher (organ)

### **Giving God Glory As We Come To Worship**

**Call to Worship (L: Leader P: People)-**

Chris Kamatani

L: Worship the Lord and sing God's praises.

**P: We come into the Lord's presence with songs of thanksgiving.**

L: Make a joyful noise for the rock of our salvation.

**P: We rejoice in our time together.**

L: Drink of Christ's living water.

**P: We thirst for God's love!**

**Opening Prayer**

Chris Kamatani

Holy One, we yearn to draw near as we arrive in this place. We come to calm our hearts, soothe our fears, and deepen our faith. As the Samaritan woman before us, help us draw cool water from the well of your love, and help us leave with the living water of belief, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

Message for the Children (In Us All)

Minister Ainise Isama'u

### **The Word of God for the people of God**

Congregational Hymn – *"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (UMH 629)* Roger Butcher (organ)

<sup>5</sup> He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me some water to drink."<sup>8</sup> His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food.

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman asked, "Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (Jews and Samaritans didn't associate with each other.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus responded, "If you recognized God's gift and who is saying to you, 'Give me some water to drink,' you would be asking him, and he would give you living water."

<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you don't have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water?" <sup>12</sup> You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life."

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!"

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, get your husband, and come back here."

<sup>17</sup> The woman replied, "I don't have a husband."

"You are right to say, 'I don't have a husband,'" Jesus answered. <sup>18</sup> "You've had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn't your husband. You've spoken the truth."

<sup>19</sup> The woman said, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem."

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You and your people worship what you don't know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the time is coming—and is here! — when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth."

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us."

<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I Am—the one who speaks with you."

<sup>27</sup> Just then, Jesus' disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" <sup>28</sup> The woman put down her

water jar and went into the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>“Come and see a man who has told me everything I’ve done! Could this man be the Christ?” <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to see Jesus.

<sup>31</sup> In the meantime the disciples spoke to Jesus, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

<sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, “I have food to eat that you don’t know about.”

<sup>33</sup> The disciples asked each other, “Has someone brought him food?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am fed by doing the will of the one who sent me and by completing his work. <sup>35</sup> Don’t you have a saying, ‘Four more months and then it’s time for harvest’? Look, I tell you: open your eyes and notice that the fields are already ripe for the harvest. <sup>36</sup> Those who harvest are receiving their pay and gathering fruit for eternal life so that those who sow and those who harvest can celebrate together. <sup>37</sup> This is a true saying that one sows and another harvests. <sup>38</sup> I have sent you to harvest what you didn’t work hard for; others worked hard, and you will share in their hard work.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman’s word when she testified, “He told me everything I’ve ever done.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> Many more believed because of his word, <sup>42</sup> and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this one is truly the savior of the world.”

L: The Word of God for all people

**P: Thanks be to God**

Special Music – “*Let Your Mercy Rain*”

Crossroads

Sermon: ~ “Give Me Water”

Rev. Allison Mark

Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Allison Mark

### **We Respond to God’s grace**

Offering Our Gifts ~

Minister Ainise Isama’u

Doxology\*

**\*Offertory – Prayer of Dedication**

Chris Kamatani

Protector God, we hear your voice beckoning us to be your hands and your feet in the world. Show us a way through the wilderness of life, with knapsacks filled with blessings and vessels of living water for a hurting world. Receive these offerings, that they may be for others the blessings we have received from your hand. Amen.

### **Going Forth in God's Holy Name**

Faith In Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC –

Minister Ainise Isama’u

Closing Hymn\* ~ *"Healer of Our Every Ill"* (TFWS 2213)

Roger Butcher (organ)

Commission and Blessings \* -

Rev. Allison Mark

Passing of the Peace\* - Postlude