



CAHABA SPRINGS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



**Service for the Lord's Day**

March 12, 2023

Pastor deNay Kirkpatrick

March 12, 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

*\*Please stand, as you are able*

**Welcome to Worship**

Lynda McLean

**Prelude**

*There Is a Redeemer*

Green/Doran

**\*Call to Worship**

Lynda McLean

One: We gather together—

**Many: the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers, in hopes of seeing God.**

One: We gather together—

**Many: the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely, in hopes of finding peace.**

One: We gather together—

**Many: those who are thirsty and those with water to spare, in hopes of finding justice.**

One: So, come to the well, come to the table. Come, let us worship God. Amen.

**\*Hymn 336**

*We Gather Together*

KREMSER

**\*Prayer of Invocation (Unison)**

*from Touch Holiness*

O God, who are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end; may we sojourn in the wilderness with you; may we touch and immerse ourselves in the truly spiritual; may we discover newness of life; may we transcend common worries and know the liberating love of the Christ. Amen.

**A Moment with the Children**

*Children may choose to go to Junior Church after Children's Sermon*

### CONFESSING TO GOD

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray, amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

# PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

## Prayer of Illumination

Lynda McLean

## First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

1From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" 3But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" 4So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn 286

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

## Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42

5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "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." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 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." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband' 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me,

the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 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. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

27 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?” 28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29 “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” 30 They left the city and were on their way to him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” 32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” 33 So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” 34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35 Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 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.”

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*seeking: Will you give me a drink?*

deNay Kirkpatrick

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE**

### **\* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

One: We believe that a glass of water given to us by a stranger can taste like justice.

**Many: We believe that honest conversation has the power to change us.**

One: We believe that all God’s children have a voice and something to say.

**Many: We believe that Jesus loves the outcast, the ignored, the shamed, and the abandoned.**

One: We believe in asking questions.

**Many: We believe in curiosity.**

One: We believe in giving people a drink.

**All: May we be brave enough to give people a drink. Amen.**

## Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** *Fairest Lord Jesus* Silesian Folk Melody

**\* The Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication** deNay Kirkpatrick

## SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*Hymn 542** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* GOD BE WITH YOU  
(verses 1 – 3)

**\*Charge and Blessing** deNay Kirkpatrick  
And all God's people say:  
**Amen!**

**\*Postlude** *Holy, Holy, Holy* John Dykes

### CREDIT INFO:

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### ***Welcome Barbara Hazard***

*We welcome Barbara Hazard as our guest organist today as Joe and Kay are away. She has served as organist in the Birmingham area for many years*

## ***March Happenings at Cahaba Springs***

***PW Monthly Luncheon & Study***—Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. Please bring a salad or dessert. We will study Lesson 7 of *Celebrating Sabbath* by Carol M. Bechtel led by Karen Rainwater.

***XYZ March Luncheon*** – Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 AM in *Harmony Hall*. This month Ron Dauphinee will have his puppets come for a visit. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert; meat will be provided.

***Stated Session Meeting*** – Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM.

***TEAM Food Collection*** – Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville. Please remember those in need.

***CSPC Book Club*** – Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room. This month's discussion will be on *At the Quiet Edge* by Victoria Stone led by Karen O'Brien.

### ***Coming Soon***

***Easter Egg Hunt*** – Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

***CSPC Yard Sale*** – May 26-27; rain date June 2-3. As you are doing your spring cleaning, please consider bringing your gently used clothing, household items, and small furniture for our huge yard sale! Items may be brought to the church now during normal business hours or on Sunday. We will need lots of volunteers to do the pricing, staging, etc. prior to the sale & many others the days of the sale. Please see Lynda McLean or Karen O'Brien for any other information. All proceeds go towards the general fund.

### ***Weekly Classes & Events:***

Inter-Generational Sunday Morning Class --Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Ladies' Room

Adult Discussion Class -- Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room

Birmingham Youth Group -- Sundays at 4:20-7:00 meet at CSPC & traveling to Edgewater Presbyterian

Thursdays Together --Thursdays at 10:00 AM in Conference Room

Chancel Choir – Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Chordmakers -- Fridays at 5:30 PM in *Harmony Hall*

# PRAYER CONCERNS

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## *For our church family...*

Agnes Dauphinee	Nellie Songer	Margaret Linville	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie	Joan Lowery	Al Greenburg
Edward Giddens	Laura Reichert	Jean Camp	Carol Brown
Ed Swartz, Jr.	Cecile Floyd	Chuck Smith	Haley Crew
Janet Prevatt	Joan Creighton	deNay Kirkpatrick	

## *For our extended family...*

Lisa Kraymer Smith	Jennifer Lee	Stephen Hogger	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Heather Hawkins	Mary Hammett	Leslie Speakman
Debbie Collins	Clay Charlton	Eleanor Garner	Donna Ford
Mac & Matthias	Ophelia Nichols	Ronnie Eades	Bobby Hoglund
Allison Solomon	Barry Parvin	Aaron Dailey	Cindi Wesley
Mason Ford	Pat & Vicky McCann	Perry Johnson	Susie Abbott
Laura Rainey	Joy Martin & family	Debbie Lambert	Jeff Strickland
Deborah Braswell	Dan Southern	Tommy Robbins	Carol Bos
Amy Baughman			

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