

WORSHIP SERVICE
August 2, 2020
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

Christ be with you.

And also with you!

* Call to Worship (Psalm 107: 1-2, 8-9)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story - those he redeemed from the hand of the foe.

*Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for humankind,
for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.*

* Opening Song: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

Lift Up Your Hearts #534

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming.

Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing.

Here in peace we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Unison Prayer of Confession

Jesus said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink."

But we often try to satisfy our thirst elsewhere.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never go thirsty."

But we often make excuses not to attend your banquet.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine. Remain in me, as I also remain in you."

But we often try to graft ourselves onto another plant.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

But we often would rather stumble around in the dark.

Forgive us, Lord, for turning away from the gifts you freely give us.

Assurance of Pardon (John 6:51)

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

Thanks be to God!

Song of Response: "As the Deer"

Lift Up Your Hearts #503

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you; you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you!

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: John 4:1-26, Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John—although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" [turning to the audience] (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

Message: "Anybody Thirsty?"

Prayer of Application

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Supper

* Song of Response: "There Is a Redeemer"

Lift Up Your Hearts #833

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son; Precious Lamb of God Messiah, Holy One

REFRAIN: Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names, Precious Lamb of God Messiah, Hope for sinners slain
(REFRAIN)

When I stand in glory I will see His face; there I'll serve my King forever; in that holy place (REFRAIN)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

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