



**The Woman at the Well  
10 Year Anniversary Worship Service!**

10th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 16th, 2020



**Gather**

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs – Shall We Gather at the River & Down By The  
Riverside

## Shall We Gather at the River

- 1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

### *Refrain*

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

- 2 On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*
- 3 Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

## Down By The Riverside African American Spiritual

Gonna lay down my sword and shield  
Down by the riverside  
Down by the riverside  
Down by the riverside  
Gonna lay down my sword and shield  
Down by the riverside  
Ain't gonna study war no more

I ain't gonna study war no more,  
I ain't gonna study war no more,  
Study war no more.  
I ain't gonna study war no more,  
I ain't gonna study war no more,  
Study war no more.

Gonna join hands with everyone  
Down by the riverside  
Down by the riverside  
Down by the riverside  
Gonna join hands with everyone  
Down by the riverside  
Ain't gonna study war no more

I ain't gonna study war no more,  
I ain't gonna study war no more,  
Study war no more.  
I ain't gonna study war no more,  
I ain't gonna study war no more,  
Study war no more.

Welcome

## No Longer Strangers Prayer

Holy Spirit of God, **You blow into our lives and send us in directions we never would have gone on our own. Send us into the lives of people we don't know, people we would call stranger and reveal yourself right there to us. We are no longer strangers to each other – you make us brother and sister. Amen.**

## Meet Someone New

*In this time of social isolation quarantine it is important to practice "safe connections"! Please refrain from hugging or shaking hands.*

Reverend Stephen Cook, SWMN Synod Minister

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie

ELW Setting Eight  
Dakota Road

(CHORUS)

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (Chorus)

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (Chorus)

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (Chorus)

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (Chorus)

## The Word

**Narrator:** Our story and God's story continues with a reading from John 4:1-30

**Narrator:** Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John (though Jesus himself didn't baptize them—his disciples did). So he left Judea and returned to Galilee. He had to go through Samaria on the way. Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime.

**Congregation:** Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?" Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this

**living water? And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?"**

**Narrator:** Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

**Congregation:** "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water." "Go and get your husband," Jesus told her. "I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband— for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!" "Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet. So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?"

**Narrator:** Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

**Congregation:** The woman said, "I know <sup>3</sup> the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus told her, "I AM the Messiah!" Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, "What do you want with her?" or "Why are you talking to her?" The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

**Narrator:** Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.  
Thanks be to God.

***River Reflection***

- Pastor Linda Pederson

Sermon

Song of the Day – Build Your Kingdom Here

## **Build Your Kingdom Here**

Rend Collective

Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your Church  
And we need Your power  
In us

We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captive hearts released  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
And we pray revive this earth

*Chorus:*

Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here  
We pray

Unleash Your kingdom's power  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
Oh, and we are the hope  
On earth

*Repeat Chorus*

## Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**  
**born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,**  
**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**  
**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness**  
**of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Please text your prayers to 320-583-8005, if not comfortable please use the post it notes provided to you.*

### **DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY**

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way  
And who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord show me the way

Oh sinners let's go down, let's go down come on down  
Oh sinners let's go down, down in the river to pray

*Prayers*

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way  
And who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord show me the way

Oh sisters let's go down, let's go down come on down  
Oh sisters let's go down, down in the river to pray

*Prayers*

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way  
And who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord show me the way

Oh brothers let's go down, let's go down come on down  
Oh brothers let's go down, down in the river to pray

*Prayers*

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### ***River Reflection***

## **The Meal**

### Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

*Silence for reflection*

Most Merciful God,

**We confess that we think we're ok. Just fine thankyouverymuch. We confess that we think we can make things better on our own. We confess that we deny death, pretend it's not going to happen.**

**We confess that our hearts can be hard, closed, unchanging, fragmented, broken.**

**We confess that we swear we can save ourselves by having a positive attitude, recycling, and obeying traffic laws.**

**God, we confess that we don't love like you tell us to love.**

**We leave things alone when we clearly need to pay attention to them. We turn in, we neglect others. We hurt ourselves. We hurt others.**

**We lie and cheat and steal in small and big ways. Oh God, we are sorry.**

**Change us. Turn us around. Transform us. Make us unrecognizable. Forgive us.**

This is the best news you will ever hear:

You are forgiven. God forgives you for all of it – all of it.

Your life is shaken up for good. You'll never be the same.

Receive the forgiveness of God through Jesus Christ, newly risen again this day in your life. Thanks be to God. **Thanks be to God, Amen!**

Words of Institution

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to The Meal

## Communion Song - When Peace Like A River

### **When Peace like a River**

#### *It Is Well with My Soul*

- 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

#### *Refrain*

It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul,)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*
- 3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*
- 4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

## Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

**Amen**

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray, **Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

**We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.**

## Purpose Sightings

### MILESTONES!

*If you've got a good or hard milestone in your life and can share it in a few sentences, meet me at the baptismal font and throw a water drop in as you share your milestone.*

## Blessing

Sending Song- Let the River Flow

### Let the River Flow

Let the poor man say, "I am rich in Him,"  
Let the lost man say, "I am found in Him,"  
And let the river flow;

Let the blind man say, "I can see again,"  
Let the dead man say, "I am born again,"  
And let the river flow, Let the river flow.

Let the river flow, Let the river flow;

Holy Spirit, come, move in power.

Let the river flow, Let the river flow;

Holy Spirit, come, move in power.

Let the river flow, Let the river flow, Let the river flow. (Repeat All)

Go in peace – serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God**

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