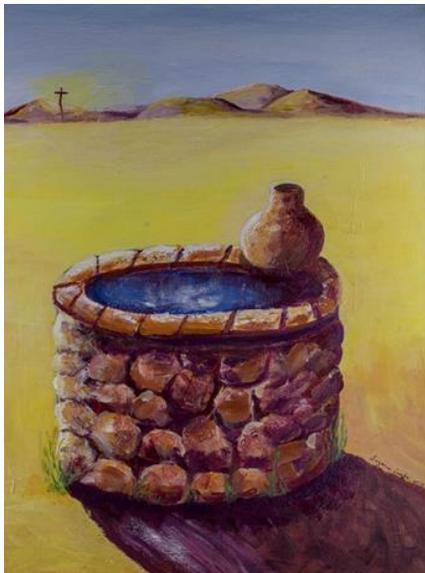


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CALL TO WORSHIP

Light of the World, awaken us this hour
to the glory of your presence with each of us.
Shine among us in such a way
that the darkness without and within
may be pushed back,
such that we might see with clarity and hope.
Enable us to behold the world
as you created it to be,
and ourselves as you created us to be.
Empower us to move from darkness to light,
from sin to new life.
May your light within us shine through our worship,
and through our lives each day,
through Christ our Light.



HYMN *Christ, Be Our Light*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine on your church gathered today.



Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

[Refrain]

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

[Refrain]

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

[Refrain]

LENTEN PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

Loving Lord:

**you bring glad tidings to the poor.
Let us also hear your good news.**

**You heal the brokenhearted.
Heal us too.**

**You free the prisoners from their jails.
Free us from ourselves.**

**Loving God,
please come to us,
and send us out, forgiven and healed,
to the poor, the brokenhearted the imprisoned.**

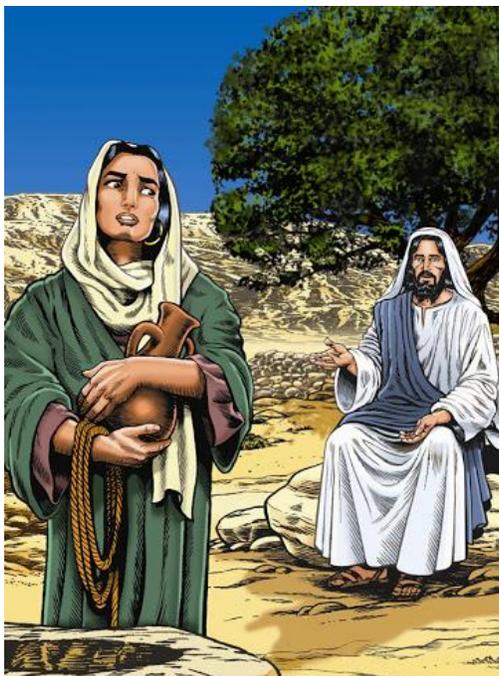
(time for silent prayer and reflection)

HYMN *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am the dawning light.
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.



SCRIPTURE READINGS: John 4:5-30, 39-42

MESSAGE **God's People in Wilderness:
Border Crossings**

PRAYER

HYMN *From the Nets of Our Labor*

From the nets of our labors,
through the noise and confusion,
from the city or seashore,
Jesus summons us all.

Refrain:
We will rise up and follow,
Christ before and beside us,
loving pattern to guide us,
as we answer the call.

When we faint and grow weary
from the bearing of burdens,
with a message of comfort,
Jesus summons us all.

[Refrain]

In the eyes of the stranger—
tearful, joyous, or frightened—
in the face of each neighbor,
Jesus summons us all.

[Refrain]

When we hear words of hatred
spreading fear or false witness,
words that cry to be challenged,
Jesus summons us all.

[Refrain]

In each moment of courage,
steadfast even through trembling;
in the yearning for justice,
Jesus summons us all.

[Refrain]

Like disciples before us,
from the city or seashore,
risking selfless compassion:
Jesus summons us all.

[Refrain]

BENEDICTION

May the grace of Christ attend you,
The love of God surround you,
And the Holy Spirit keep you,
That you may live in faith,
Abound in hope,
And grow in love,
Now and forevermore.
And all of God's people said, Amen!

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - John 20:21

