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Communion Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

Welcome, Happy Morning

arr. Edwin Mead

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

One: As a deer pants for the flowing streams

Many: **so pants my soul for you, O God.**

One: My soul thirsts for God, the living God. (Psalm 42:1-2a)

Many: **Let us drink deeply of the living waters found in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

* Opening Prayer

* Opening Song

As the deer

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1. 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.

*Refrain: 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.*

2. I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver, and the apple of my eye.
3. You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Congregational Prayer

Song *I heard the voice of Jesus say* #493

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's 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 trav'ling days are done.

Time with Our Children

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

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Have you seen any of the shows on the History Channel about looking for lost treasure? There's one about an island off the coast of Canada, one about lost WWII gold, and a few others. Each show has

a few things in common: legends, a few maps, and the hope of finding a vast treasure. Whether you've ever wanted to follow "x marks the spot" on a treasure map, it's easy to get caught up in the potential for a big find. As amazing as it would be to dig up a chest of gold coins, Scripture tells us to look at treasure a bit differently.

In Matthew 6:19–21, Jesus tells us, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

While there's nothing wrong with looking for a chest full of gold coins, our reward in heaven for obeying God is far greater than any earthly treasure. One tangible way to obey God is by trusting Him with our finances—our "treasure" (however much that may be). When we give, we're saying that we trust God with that money. Today, let's prepare our tithes and offerings with the mindset that we're honoring God with our finances. Trust Him to use these offerings to build His church and make disciples.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Cindy Berry

Scripture Lesson

John 4:1-30, 39-42 (NRSV)

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

4 Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John" ² — although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized — ³ he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴ But he had to go through Samaria. 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.

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.”

Song

Break thou the bread of life

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1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit pants for thee, O living Word.
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my All in all.

Sermon

“Conversion at the Well”

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak.

People: Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help.

Pastor: Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.

People: Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts and minds above your cares and fears and let this bread and wine be to you the token and pledge of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Spirit, all meant for you if you receive them in humble faith.

People: Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled. O taste and see that God is good.

Pastor: All who are in love and fellowship with your brothers and sisters, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and who humbly put your trust in Christ and desire his help that you might lead a GODLIER life, draw nigh to God and receive these emblems to your comfort and wholeness, through Jesus Christ.

Communion

Blessing of the Bread

1 Corinthians 11:23-24

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to God, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Partaking of the Bread (in unison)

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

Blessing of the Cup

1 Corinthians 11:25-26

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Partaking of the Cup (in unison)

The cup which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Closing Hymn *My hope is built on nothing less*

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1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
*Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*
2. When darkness veils his loving face,
I rest upon unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the vale. [*Refrain*]
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the 'whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. [*Refrain*]
4. Not earth, nor hell, my soul can move;
I rest upon unchanging love.

I trust his righteous character,
his counsel, promise, and his pow'r. *[Refrain]*

5. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. *[Refrain]*

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Victory in Jesus

Eugene Bartlett

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