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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 12, 2025

Order of Service

for the Worship of God

The First Sunday after Epiphany

“Gospel Stories”

Gathering Music DJ Wilson, Interim Music Director

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Centering Song Adapted from *Arise, Shine* by Keith Amano

“Lift your eyes, ___ Look a-round, ___ Re-Joice! ___”

Call to Worship Marilyn M, Liturgist (responsive)

Community of faith, let us gather our courage

In God’s company, we can do hard things

Brave things

Beautiful things

Risky and transformative things

God is with those who journey toward freedom

For the sake of collective life

For the sake of disrupting evil

For the sake of the human soul

God calls us and God accompanies us

May the presence and provision of God be manifest among us

Opening Song *Empty Jar* Jim Manley

Prayer for Transformation

Scripture *New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

John 4:1-29

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” (although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 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.)

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.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 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.” 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.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 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. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 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.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

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?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”

Sermon

Quiet Meditation

Song

Teach Me

Sandy O’Shea

Prayers of the People

Time, Talent & Treasure

Celebrations

Mission Updates

Offering Invitation

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song

#459, Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Benediction

Sending Music

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