

**The Stone Church of Willow Glen - Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
**San José, California**  
**March 15, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**The Preparation for the Word**

*Before worship, speak with God. During worship, let God speak to you.*

**Chimes**

**Prelude**                    *“Holy, Holy, Holy!” (hymn #138)*

*Pam Hood, Interim Organist*

**Choral Introit**            *“[Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days](#)” (Hymn 81)*

*Derk Johnson and Julia Roberts*

**Welcome**

*The Rev. Sammie Evans, Pastor*

**Call to Worship**

*Emily Meacham, Liturgist*

*We’ve come to worship God,*

**who makes streams flow from rock, who turns the parched earth into springs of water,**

*who sends the rain from heaven and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.*

**As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O God.**

*Come, let us worship our life-giving God, who pours out living water on all who thirst.*

**Let us worship God together!**

**Opening Hymn #85**            *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

**WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS**

WONDROUS LOVE

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will  
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

1. soul? What won-drous love is this, O my soul? What  
 2. sing; To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To  
 3. on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And

1. won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
 2. God and to the Lamb, who is the great I  
 3. when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful

1. bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my  
 2. AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 3. be, And through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing

1. soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 2. sing; While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 3. on! And through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.

Text: 12 9 12 12 9; anon.; first appeared in *A General Selection of the Newest and Most Admired Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 1811, adapt. Music: William Walker's *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

## Call to Confession

*When we least expect it, even when we are not ready, God comes to us, calling us to trust, calling us to follow, calling us to grace-full lives which are offered to us. Let us confess how often we choose not to follow, as we pray together saying,*

## Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, hear our prayer. Sometimes our lives are a mess because of choices we have made, or because of choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great, and we are kind and generous. Sometimes our lives are great, and we forget to be grateful.**

**Loving One, we trust that in the jumble of all of this, you are present. We trust that you are with us, walking with us when we stray, nudging us back to the path, slowing us down when we get ahead of you, and waiting for us when we lag behind.**

**So we thank you and ask for your forgiveness, and we pray that you will abide with us throughout the journey. Amen.**

## Silence

## Assurance of Pardon

*The Rev. Irene Pak Lee, Associate Pastor*

*Friends, receive the good news. In Jesus Christ, living water breaks through the roof of our hearts in such abundance that we don't have enough buckets to hold it all.*

**We are forgiven, we are made whole, and we are sent forth to serve. Thanks be to God!**

## Passing of the Peace Liturgy (please rise)

*May we receive and offer the peace that Christ offers.*

**The peace of Christ be with you.**

*And also with you.*

**The peace of Christ be with our neighbors, our friends, and our families.**

*And also with you.*

**The peace of Christ be with the stranger, our enemies, those who are feared.**

*And also with you.*

**The peace of Christ be with the world and all of God's beloved.**

*And also with you.*

*Sisters, brothers, and siblings in Christ, let us be at peace with ourselves and with all that we meet. Amen.*

## We Listen To God's Word

## The Old Testament Lesson *Exodus 17:1-7 (O.T., p. 64)*

### Water from the Rock

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

**Anthem**

*[“Jesus Met the Woman”](#) Traditional*

*Julia Roberts and Derk Johnson*

*arr by Peter Yarrow, Mary Travers & Milton T Okun*

**Children’s Sermon**

*Mary Jo Blazek, Church School Administrator*

**Gospel Lesson**

*John 4:5-42 (N.T., p. 94)*

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 worshipped 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 worshippers 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?’ They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. 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 Saviour of the world.’

**We Respond to the Good News**

**Call for the Offering**

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**Offertory**

*“Jesu, meine Freude”*

*Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)*

**\*Dedication of the People and Their Gifts Hymn #592**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who 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.**

# We Go Out in God's Name

Closing Hymn #438 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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DENNIS SM

John Fawcett, 1782

Johann Georg Nägeli (1773-1836)

Arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love:  
2. Be - fore our \*Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4. From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.  
And per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (Hymn #210)

**ASL Interpreter ~ Hannah Pahl**



Original bulletin art created by Willow Glen Artist **Lynden Keith Johnson**.

Artist Note: Here is an equation which exemplifies my experience at Stone Church: **unity in diversity = belonging in congregation**. For my Lenten discipline I am creating images which attempt to give visual meaning to the equation.