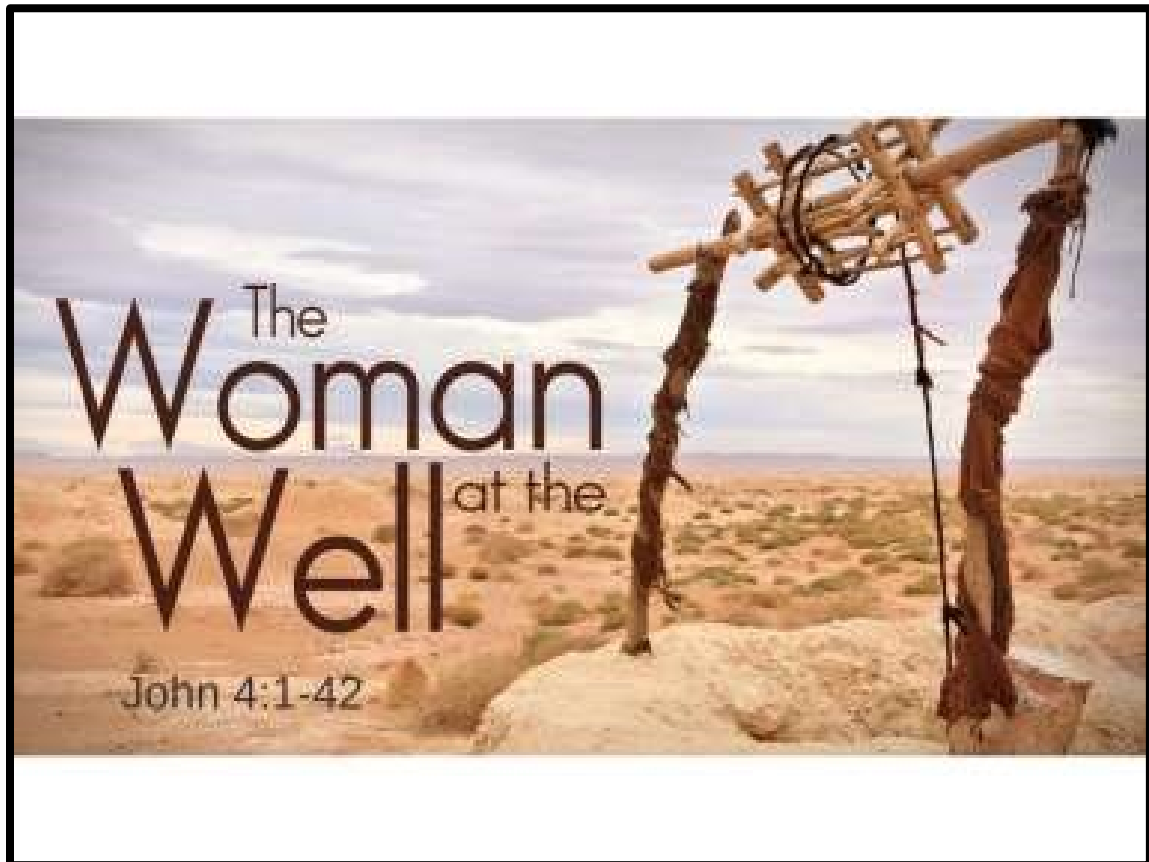


FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)



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PRELUDE

Concerto in G Major KV 313 – Allegro maestoso
Hannah Tassler, flute; Carol Wilson, piano

W. A. Mozart

WELCOME

Jonathan Hall

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Norman Heimer

ONE: We come to the well of fear and doubt.

MANY: We have drawn deeply from those waters.

ONE: We come to the well of anger and hate.

MANY: These waters flourish in all the land.

ONE: God, bring us to the water of peace and hope.

MANY: God, bring us to the well of salvation!

*OPENING HYMN

Seek Ye First

Chalice Hymnal No. 354

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Norman Heimer

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jonathan Hall

SCRIPTURE

Cathy Liss

John 4:1-30, [31-42]

New Revised Standard Version

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?" 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 labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

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 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 Savior of the world."]

ANTHEM

The Greatest Gift Is Love

Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir, directed by Jolyne Antista
Hannah Tassler, flute

Though I speak with tongues of angels,
Though my voice is touched with gold,
Without love each word is discord, clanging brass and cymbals bold.

Though I know as much as prophets,
Though my faith is strong and sure,
Without love these are as nothing,
Neither words nor work endure.

Without love each gift is worthless, till the gift of love I learn.
Love is always kind and patient,
Neither jealous, boastful, rude;
Neither selfish nor conceited, but with every grace imbued.

Love releases all resentment, takes no pleasure in the wrong;
Love finds truth delightful always
And endures what comes along.

Though not easily offended, love is eager to forgive,
Always trusting, always hoping, precious love will always live!

In a world that is imperfect, many gifts will pass away;
Faith and hope and love are endless;
These, and these alone will stay.

To a world where all is changing comes this promise from above:
Faith and hope will last forever,
But the greatest gift is love.

SERMON *Breaking the Rules & Drinking Everlasting Water* Jonathan Hall

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Jonathan Hall

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN *Fill My Cup, Lord* Chalice Hymnal No. 351

Like the woman at the well I was seeking
for things that could not satisfy;
And then I heard my Savior speaking:
"Draw from my well that never shall run dry."

[Refrain]

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more –
fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

There are millions in this world who are craving
the pleasure earthly things afford;
But none can match the wondrous treasure
that I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

[Refrain]

So, my friend, if all the things this world gave you
leave hungers that won't pass away,
My blessed Lord will come and save you,
if you kneel to him and humbly pray:

[Refrain]

SERVICE OF COMMUNION Jonathan Hall
Elder Prayers Cathy Liss and Susan Rae Jensen
Meditation Music *Nocturne* Philippe Gaubert

After the music has begun, please partake of communion at your leisure.

CALL TO OFFERING Norman Heimer

If you are with us in-person, please place offerings in the box at the back of the sanctuary
at the end of the service.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER, INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND OFFERING, Jonathan Hall
and PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Invitation is an opportunity that is given each Sunday for individuals and families to take the next step in their journey of faith. This is an important tradition in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) family. We welcome you to come forward during the closing hymn to let us know of your desire to become part of our church family. You may also share your desire by messaging the church on Facebook or via the teleconference phone call, to which Pastor Jonathan will respond.

*CLOSING HYMN

Spirit Song

Chalice Hymnal No. 352

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

[Refrain]

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your treats and sadness;
Give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

[Refrain]

BENEDICTION

Jonathan Hall

POSTLUDE

Allegro scherzando

Philippe Gaubert

Following the service, we encourage you to connect with others in the Fellowship Hall or outdoors.

*Please stand if you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note: **Pastor's Open-door Hours** are on Mondays from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Feel free to stop by, or contact him directly for another time through the church office at 719-633-8888, or at seniorpastor@firstchristiancos.org.



Flower Calendar signup has returned!

You can now sign up to bring your favorite flowers on your chosen date.
Please see the calendar opposite the Information Desk.

Children & Youth

Youth Sunday school (6-12th grade) meets on Sunday mornings at **9:00 a.m.** in the youth lounge. The Zoom link for youth who are unable to join in person is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86138335137>. The link may also be found in the weekly e-mail sent to families of children and youth.

Children's Sunday school (K-5th grade) is held **during our worship service**. Kids will begin worship with their parents. After the Children's Moment, they will be invited to join our teacher Amy Hartman for Sunday School. Parents may pick up their children upstairs after worship.

Lighthouse is canceled until we find our new Youth and Family Pastor. Our search committee is actively receiving and reviewing applications.

Discipleship & Christian Formation

The **Chapel Class** will have two options: Sunday mornings in-person in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m., and the ongoing Zoom class on Sunday evenings with Don Sarton at 6:30 p.m. They are currently studying the Gospel of Luke. Contact Don Sarton, dsarton63@gmail.com or Cathy Liss, cathy1946@gmail.com with any questions.

The **Coffee & Conversation group**, led by Norman Heimer, meets on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00-9:45 a.m. They have a weekly topic based on events in the world.

Our nursery is open for children through age 5. Masks are required for everyone, including children two years and older, and will be provided for the children.

Mission & Outreach



FCC has begun the annual **Souper Bowl of Caring**. Our **food drive** will run through February 13, as it relates to our theme of the day – *Jesus is the Bread of Life*. Bring cans of soup or other non-perishable food items and look for the table and bin in the Fellowship Hall. The Mackin family Scouts have also volunteered to aid in the food collection.

We're beginning a new **Outreach of Love ministry**. Each week, we'd like to share our love through a card shower with those among us who could use some encouragement from their church family, or is celebrating a landmark in their lives. This week, we're lifting up **Julie Rush**, who is the sole caregiver for Larry after his stroke, and **Kip Barker**, whose mother's health is declining, and he and his father are facing the end of life transition. Please call the church office if you need their addresses. If you need cards, the church has some blank note cards that you may pick up at the Information Desk.



Upcoming Events

Welcome back! The **quilters group** has begun meeting again. Come join them on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The next session will be on February 10.

Our **147@147 Visioning Team** met again on January 19 to work on future steps to be taken. If you'd like to read the minutes from this meeting or the January 19 meeting, you may access them at the link found in your weekly newsletter. Please keep **February 6 at 11:30 a.m.** on your calendar for our **147@147 Visioning Team next listening session**.

MUSIC INVITATION -- ALL ARE WELCOME!



Chancel Choir welcomes all adults to join in singing. There is no audition requirement. We rehearse on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Music Room. Come share your voice and join the fellowship with this fun group.
Handbell Choir - for youth and adult music readers. The handbell choir rehearses on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you can read music, we can teach you the rest!

Questions: Email Jolyne Antista: musicdirector@firstchristiancos.org

Pastoral & Music Staff

Jonathan Hall, Senior Pastor ~ seniorpastor@firstchristiancos.org
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The Woman
at the Well

January 30, 2022

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of unity, Jesus broke down barriers wherever he went. Teach us to treat people like they matter, because they do. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

"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." (John 4:13-14)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

When Jesus stopped at Jacob's Well, he engaged with a Samaritan woman, who then became one of his first missionaries. Jesus broke down barriers wherever he went.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
Where do you draw living water? What nourishes your soul?
What nourishes God's soul?
For the littles: What makes you feel happy?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill you with living water. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Add more fruits and vegetables to your meals this week. Drink lots of water. Take several long walks. Nourish your body as well as your soul.



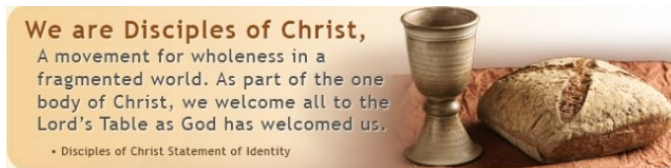
Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, John 4:1-42, The Woman at the Well
Monday, Psalm 42:1-3
Tuesday, John 4:43-45, Jesus Returns to Galilee
Wednesday, Jeremiah 2:8-18, Hope in the Lord
Thursday, Jeremiah 17:8-18 Hope for Israel
Friday, Song of Solomon 4:10—5:4, Sweet Love
Saturday, Zechariah 14:3-13, Day of Deliverance



- **SEND A CHECK** (please specify fund, if any).
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In a world that prefers black and white thinking and clear divisions, First Christian Church seeks to be a blessing to our community by empowering us all to find beauty, add color, and create connections. We invite all to experience the unfolding story of God's grace and love.