

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

VOTUM

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made the heavens and the earth.

*Amen.*

GATHERING SONG

‘O Come to the Altar’

(Chris Brown)

### Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

### Chorus

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

### Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

*Chorus*

### Bridge

O what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

*Chorus*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to the well of fear and doubt.

*We have drawn deeply of those waters.*

We come to the well of anger and hate.

*These waters flourish in all the land.*

Lord, bring us to the water of peace and hope.

*Lord, bring us to the well of salvation.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

*God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from You and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by Your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to truly believe that You would actually heal and love us. We have behaved in very unloving ways. We have chosen to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them. Our hearts are not placed in service to others, but rather in self-serving motives. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants. Lord, let it be so. Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

ANTHEM

‘What A Friend We Have in Jesus’

(Arr. by Susan Geschke)

CHILDREN’S TIME AND LORD’S PRAYER

## THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4:5-42

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> 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.) <sup>10</sup> 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." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> 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." <sup>15</sup> 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."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> 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." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with such a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more

believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> 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.”

This is the Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

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## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

RECOGNITION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

*Life-giving Lord, we offer You ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts,  
that we may be bearers of grace to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for  
hope. May all Your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives  
within us. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN # 409

‘I Know Whom I Have Believed’

### Verse 1

I know not why God's wondrous grace  
To me He hath made known  
Nor why unworthy Christ in love  
Redeemed me for His own

### Refrain

But I know whom I have believed  
And am persuaded that He is able  
To keep that which I've committed  
Unto Him against that day

### Verse 2

I know not how this saving faith  
To me He did impart

Nor how believing in His word  
Wrought peace within my heart *Refrain*

### Verse 3

I know not how the Spirit moves  
Convincing men of sin  
Revealing Jesus through the Word  
Creating faith in Him *Refrain*

### Verse 4

I know not when my Lord may come  
At night or noonday fair  
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him  
Or meet Him in the air *Refrain*

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