



**THROUGH THE**  
*Waters*  
**SERMON SERIES**

**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

arr. Charles Callahan

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### OPENING HYMN “Blessed Assurance”

### OPENING LITURGY

P: As we gather for worship this morning, we do so in the name of the Father,

**C: Who loved us and sent His Son to set us free.**

P: In the name of His Son, Jesus,

**C: Whose sacrifice gives us freedom and peace.**

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

**C: Who brings us to faith and sustains our faith through the working of water and the Word. Amen.**

P: Shout for joy, all the earth;

**C: Sing the glory of His name; give to him glorious praise!**

P: All the earth worships You and sings praise to You;

**C: They sing praises to Your name.**

P: Come and see what God has done:

**C: He is awesome in His deeds towards the children of man.**

P: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

**C: There we rejoiced in Him, who rules by His might forever.**

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what He has done for my soul.

**C: Thanks be to God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

- P: The Apostle Paul asks, “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may abound? How can we who died to sin still live in it?”
- C: We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved God with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. As You claim us as Your own in Baptism through water and the Word, we struggle to live as Your children and fail to place our faith and trust in You.**
- P: “We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”
- C: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Help us value the water of our Baptism and the Word of God. Give us strength and faith in our ongoing troubles. Amen.**
- P: The Apostle Paul wrote that we were once foolish, disobedient, and led astray to various passions and pleasure, but when the good and loving kindness of God, our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing and regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ, our Savior, so that being justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Jesus said if anyone thirsts, let them come to Him and drink.
- C: Whoever believes in Him, as Scripture has said, “Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”**
- P: Fellow baptized children of God, we have been justified by God’s grace through faith in His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. From Him, we have received the living water, which lives in us and flows out of us to all who would believe. Therefore, it is my great pleasure as a fellow disciple to tell you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**

**RESPONSE “Blessed Assurance”**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**VBS THEME SONG**

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 3:23-29 [ESV]

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## HOLY GOSPEL John 4:5-15; 7:37-39 [ESV]

So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings 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 nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 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 now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 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 is seeking such people 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 (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

**STATEMENT of FAITH** *The Apostles’ Creed*

**HYMN “Crashing Waters at Creation”**

**SERMON “LIVING WATER”**

**OFFERING**

**VBS 2024 RECAP VIDEO**

**PRAYERS of the CHURCH**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**THE PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

## SANCTUS

## WORDS of INSTITUTION

## THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

## AGNUS DEI

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Genevan Psalter 1551”

*Piano*

arr. Lopez

“Be Still and Know, *with Be Still My Soul*”

*Piano*

arr. Hayes

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

## BENEDICTION

## NUNC DIMITTIS

## POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

*Organ*

Raymond Haan



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