



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship Service

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

Welcome and Community Life

Prayer of Adoration

*Song *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* Doerksen

*Call to Worship

One: Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him.

One: For the Lord is a great God, a great King above all gods.

All: The sea belongs to him, for he made it. His hands formed the dry land, too.

One: Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker,

All: for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care.

*Song *Invitacion Fountain* Pritzl

Experiential Confession

"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.'"

Where do you feel dry or thirsty in your life right now? Take a few moments to reflect on the different areas of your life: relational, spiritual, emotional, physical, etc. Ask for God's divine refreshment in your area of need. Afterwards, you're invited to go to one of the water stations around the sanctuary. Take a drink of the water and thank Jesus for the gift of living water he offers.

Song *The Well* Casting Crowns

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

John 4: 5-15 NRSVue

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The 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.) ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but 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." ¹⁵The 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."

One: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of God endures forever.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Gushing Up to Eternal Life

Rev. John C. Tittle

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Jesus

The Velvet Underground

Prayers of the People

One: Good and gracious Lord

All: **give us the water of life.**

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

*Closing Song

Meet With Me

Hiebert

*Charge and Benediction

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Joy Hager, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

Adoración Ensemble – George Davis, Joy Hager, Sandy Russell, Christina Russell, Clay Whittington, Bob and Carol Van Gelder

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