



*the open door ~ praise & worship service*  
*...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying*  
03.22.17 • 7:00 pm

## **welcome & announcements**

**song**

"Who You Are"

**song**

"Draw Me Closer"

**children's moment**

"More than Food and Water"

**holy scripture**

"John 4:5-18" [VOICE]

<sup>5-8</sup> In a *small* Samaritan town known as Sychar, Jesus and His *entourage* stopped to rest at the historic well that Jacob gave his son Joseph.

It was about noon when Jesus found a spot to sit close to the well while the disciples ventured off to find provisions.

*From His vantage, He watched* as a Samaritan woman approached to draw some water.

*Unexpectedly* He spoke to her.

**Jesus:** Would you *draw water, and* give Me a drink?

**Woman:** <sup>9</sup> I cannot believe that You, a Jew, would associate with me, a Samaritan woman; much less ask me to give You a drink.

Jews, you see, have no dealings with Samaritans.

**Jesus:** <sup>10</sup> You don't know the gift of God or who is asking you for a drink *of this water from Jacob's well*. Because if you did, you would have asked Him *for something greater*; and He would have given you the living water.

**Woman:** <sup>11</sup> Sir, You sit by this deep well *a thirsty man* without a bucket in sight. Where does this living water come from? <sup>12</sup> Are You claiming superiority to our father Jacob who labored long and hard to dig *and maintain* this well so that he could share clean water with his sons, *grandchildren*, and cattle?

**Jesus:** <sup>13</sup> Drink this water, and your thirst is quenched only for a moment. *You must return to this well again and again.* <sup>14</sup> I offer water that will become a wellspring within you that gives life throughout eternity. You will never be thirsty again.

**Woman:** <sup>15</sup> *Please, Sir, give me some of this water, so I'll never be thirsty and never again have to make the trip to this well.*

**Jesus:** <sup>16</sup> Then bring your husband to Me.

**Woman:** <sup>17-18</sup> I do not have a husband.

**Jesus:** Technically you are telling the truth. But you have had five husbands and are currently living with a man you are not married to.

*The Word of God to the People of God! **Thanks be to God!***

**reflection**

"Our Deserts"

**visio divina**

"Story Like This"

[video by TWOTP, music by Shellee Layne Coley, poem by Kelly Ann Hall]

**silent prayer of confession**

**presentation of the offerings**

**holy communion**

**song**

"Beautiful Things"

**song**

"Healer, Heal Me"

**song**

"I Could Sing of Your Love"

**benediction & passing the peace**

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