

# WHAT'S HAPPENING!

## Weekly Events:

- Mon.** 6:00pm Gerry's Quilt Class, Criswell Hall
- Tue.** 9:00am Tia Chi, Criswell Hall
- 10:00am Sew 'n Sews, McMillen Room
- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
- 1:00pm Bible Study, Criswell Hall
- 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Hand Bell Room, #115
- 7:00pm Trustees, McMillen Room
- 7:30pm Friendly Neighborhood Big Band Rehearsal, Criswell Hall
- Wed.** 9:00am Church work morning
- 10:00am United Women of Faith Steering Committee
- 1:30pm Mission Team
- 5:30pm Worship Team, Pastor's Office
- 5:30pm Daughter's of Grace, McMillen Room
- 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Thu.** 9:00am Tia Chi, Criswell Hall
- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
- 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Hand Bell Room, #115
- Fri.** 10:00am Knitting & Crocheting Parks & Recreation, Criswell Hall
- 11:00am Etto Pasta Factory Tour
- Sun.** 8:30am Informal Worship Service with Praise Band
- 10:30am Traditional Worship Service

**HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Worship Team**  
**March 15<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by Communications**

| ATTENDANCE                                    |      |       |                             |       |       |             |
|---|------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| WEEK  | 8:30 | 10:30 | IN-<br>PERSON               | VIDEO | TOTAL | STEWARDSHIP |
| Feb 08  | 48   | 73    | 121                         | 38    | 159   | \$13,224    |
| Feb 15  | 52   | 75    | 127                         | 31    | 158   | \$7,001     |
| Feb 22  | 42   | 72    | 114                         | 14    | 128   | \$5,638     |
| Mar 01  | 38   | 69    | 107                         |       | 107   | \$6,315     |
| <b>Weekly Needed: \$7,175</b>                 |      |       |                             |       |       |             |
| <b>YTD Received: \$242,303</b>                |      |       | <b>YTD Needed \$250,496</b> |       |       |             |
| <b>Our Fiscal Year runs July 1 to June 30</b> |      |       |                             |       |       |             |



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## Third Sunday Of Lent

10:30 am

PRELUDE "Sweet, Sweet Sprit" Doris Akers

INTROIT "People Need the Lord" TFWS #2244

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Come, let us worship God!

**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Come, let us worship our Shepherd!

**We are the sheep of God's pasture, and we follow where God leads us.**

Come, let us open our hearts!

**We receive God's love poured into our hearts through the Spirit.**

Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation!

**Let us worship God, whose mercy guides and sustains us on the path of new life!**

OPENING HYMN\* "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 89

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER

**Lord we are thirsty our soul is weary, we are bruised and battered, we are tired and discouraged, we are misunderstood, we are judged and found wanting, we are wounded and withdrawn, we are ready to quit.**

**Let us go to the well where there is water that is thirst quenching, wound healing, soul soothing, life giving, Water of life found in the One who knows our name and calls us back to drink deeply of the Wisdom of the Well.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "Jesus Does" Cash, Duran

SCRIPTURE John 4:5-42

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT

Rev. Tim Olson

We invite all children and youth to participate in this intergenerational time of learning about Jesus

**O God, we thank you for blessing us with the gift of children.  
May they learn the stories of Jesus. May we share their joy. Amen.**

A TIME OF PRAYER

|                      |                               |            |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Call to Prayer       | “Jesus, Name Above All Names” | TFWS #2071 |
| Prayer/Lord's Prayer |                               |            |
| Response             | “Jesus, Name Above All Names” | TFWS #2071 |

SERMON

The Well

OFFERING

|                                 |                                       |             |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Call to Stewardship and Mission |                                       |             |
| Offertory                       | “Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven” | Lauda Anima |
| Doxology/Prayer of Dedication*  |                                       |             |

CLOSING HYMN\*

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine” No. 369

BENEDICTION\*

**God for all that we have shared, the stories and the journeys the work and the formation, the places where we have noticed You and those places we missed You, may we be assured of You continuing to work in our lives and in the lives of those whom You call us to serve. May we use all that You are teaching us to bless the lives of others and so be engaged in kingdom work, Now and forever. Amen**

RESPONSE\*

“Song of Hope” TFWS #2186

POSTLUDE

“I Give You Praise” Cindy Berry

**\*Please stand as able**

**Assisting in today's service Pastor:** Rev. Wesley Thompson,  
**Liturgist:** Nancy St. Laurent, **Choir Director:** Tricia Stewart. **Organ:** Brad Bettencourt,  
**Piano/Keyboard:** Dennis Eiler, **Bass:** Ross Mayfield, **Sound Tech:** Adrian Paredes, Mitch Latting, **Video:** Susan Thronson, **Soloist:** Dave & Carolyn Anderson.

**John 4:5-42**

In Samaria he came to a town named Sychar, which was not far from the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. **6** Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by the trip, sat down by the well. It was about noon. **7** A Samaritan woman came to draw some water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink of water.” (**8** His disciples had gone into town to buy food.) **9** The woman answered, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan—so how can you ask me for a drink?” (Jews will not use the same cups and bowls that Samaritans use.) **10** Jesus answered, “If you only knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life-giving water.” **11** “Sir,” the woman said, “you don't have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that life-giving water?” **12** It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well; he and his children and his flocks all drank from it. You don't claim to be greater than Jacob, do you?” **13** Jesus answered, “Those who drink this water will get thirsty again, **14** but those who drink the water that I will give them will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give them will become in them a spring which will provide them with life-giving water and give them eternal life.” **15** “Sir,” the woman said, “give me that water! Then I will never be thirsty again, nor will I have to come here to draw water.” **16** “Go and call your husband,” Jesus told her, “and come back.” **17** “I don't have a husband,” she answered. Jesus replied, “You are right when you say you don't have a husband. **18** You have been married to five men, and the man you live with now is not really your husband. You have told me the truth.” **19** “I see you are a prophet, sir,” the woman said. **20** “My Samaritan ancestors worshiped God on this mountain, but you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where we should worship God.” **21** Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the time will come when people will not worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. **22** You Samaritans do not really know whom you worship; but we Jews know whom we worship, because it is from the Jews that salvation comes. **23** But the time is coming and is already here, when by the power of God's Spirit people will worship the Father as he really is, offering him the true worship that he wants. **24** God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is.” **25** The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah will come, and when he comes, he will tell us everything.” **26** Jesus answered, “I am he, I who am talking with you.” **27** At that moment Jesus' disciples returned, and they were greatly surprised to find him talking with a woman. But none of them said to her, “What do you want?” or asked him, “Why are you talking with her?” **28** Then the woman left her water jar, went back to the town, and said to the people there, **29** “Come and see the man who told me everything I have ever done. Could he be the Messiah?” **30** So they left the town and went to Jesus. **31** In the meantime the disciples were begging Jesus, “Teacher, have something to eat!” **32** But he answered, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” **33** So the disciples started asking among themselves, “Could somebody have brought him food?” **34** “My food,” Jesus said to them, “is to obey the will of the one who sent me and to finish the work he gave me to do. **35** You have a saying, ‘Four more months and then the harvest.’ But I tell you, take a good look at the fields; the crops are now ripe and ready to be harvested! **36** The one who reaps the harvest is being paid and gathers the crops for eternal life; so the one who plants and the one who reaps will be glad together. **37** For the saying is true, ‘Someone plants, someone else reaps.’ **38** I have sent you to reap a harvest in a field where you did not work; others worked there, and you profit from their work.” **39** Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because the woman had said, “He told me everything I have ever done.” **40** So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them, and Jesus stayed there two days. **41** Many more believed because of his message, **42** and they told the woman, “We believe now, not because of what you said, but because we ourselves have heard him, and we know that he really is the Savior of the world.”