

L: We thank you for the power of prayer. Hear us now as we bring before you the people and places on our hearts. My prayer is...

L: May the way of your Spirit be reflected in our actions.

**P: May worship be our response to all this week brings as we seek to follow and serve Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** *Fill My Cup, Lord*  
(Richard Blanchard)

1. *Like the woman at the well, I was seeking. For things that could not satisfy. And then I heard my Savior speaking— "Draw from My well that never shall run dry."*

**Chorus: Fill my cup, Lord;  
I lift it up Lord; Come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more. Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.**

2. *There are millions in this world who are seeking. For pleasures earthly goods afford. But none can match the wondrous treasure that I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.*

3. *So my friend if there are things this world gives you. Leave hunger that won't pass away. My blessed Lord will come and save you. If you kneel to Him and humbly pray.*

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

L: *The way will be sometimes more than you can handle.*

P: *There is much work to be done, and many times we will feel that we want to give up.*

L: *Never give up, instead trust in the love of the faithful Creator, the peace of the wounded Healer, the joy of the challenging Spirit, the hope of the Three in One, to surround and satisfy your thirst today, tonight and forever. Amen.*

**CHORAL BLESSING** (sung together)  
God Be With You (Thomas A. Dorsey)

God be with you, God be with you, God be with you until we meet again; God be with you, God be with you, God be with you until we meet again.  
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**Completing the New Testament:  
Week of March 19, 2017  
2 Corinthians Chapters 4-6**

**For your thoughts-** What have I learnt from this text today and how can I apply this to my life? **DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AFTER THE READINGS?** Write them on a post it and place them on the poster board in **OTTAWA HALL**...Look for an answer to your question(s) on the board the following week.

 **OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday – Thursday  
1:30pm – 4:00pm**

**Friday 1:30pm - 6:00pm**

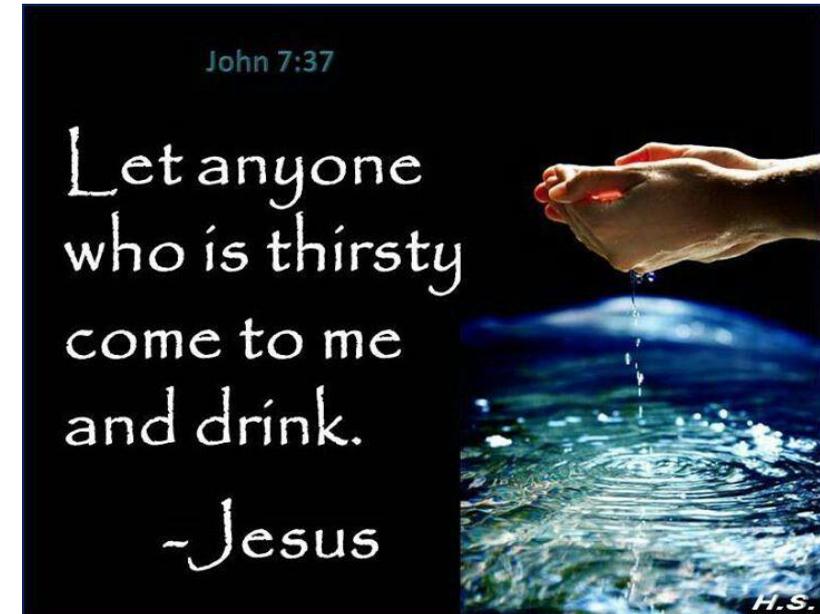
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# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**March 19, 2017  
10:30 am**



**MINISTER**  
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**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
**Nicholas Morvay**

**MINISTER EMERITUS**  
**Rev. Dr. John Palmer**

**We are a Christian community gathered together to worship and celebrate God and to serve Him through Jesus Christ. Our church is accessible and welcoming to all persons for fellowship, learning, sharing and teaching. We strive to show our love through service to all humanity.**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**LENT 3**  
**March 19, 2017**

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: So I call us to a holy fast...and a holy feast in each day of this Lenten season ahead. Let us...

**ALL: Fast from judging others and feast on the image of God within them. Fast from words that pollute and feast on phrases that heal. Fast from idle gossip and feast on purposeful silence.**

**PROCESSION OF WATER**

**HYMN:** VU108 Throughout These Lenten Days and Night (1, 3 & 5)

(Children will come forward)

**DRAMATIC READING:** Exodus 17:1-7  
(The MSG)

*Narrator:* Directed by GOD, the whole company of Israel moved on by stages from the Wilderness of Sin. They set camp at Rephidim. And there wasn't a drop of water for the people to drink. The people took Moses to task:

**Congregation: "Give us water to drink."**

*Narrator:* But Moses said,  
*Moses:* "Why pester me? Why are you testing GOD?"  
*Narrator:* But the people were thirsty for water there. They complained to Moses,

**Congregation: "Why did you take us from Egypt and drag us out here with our children and animals to die of thirst?"**

*Narrator:* Moses cried out in prayer to GOD,

*Reading continues...*

**HYMN:** VU559 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing (v1-2)

**RESPONSIVE READING**

John 4:5-15, 25-29, 39-42 (Trans. by Taylor Burton-Edwards)

*Narrator:* So Jesus comes into the city of Samaria called Sychar, near the region which Jacob gave to Joseph, his son. The well of Jacob was there. Worn out from travelling the roads, he was sitting down upon the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria comes to draw water. Jesus says to her:  
*Jesus:* "Give me to drink."

*Narrator:* His disciples had gone off into the city to purchase some food. So the Samaritan woman says to him:

**Congregation: How is that that you, a Jewish person, are requesting from me, a Samaritan woman, something to drink?**

*Narrator:* Jewish people do not associate or share dishes with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her:

*Jesus:* If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who is saying to you, "Give me to drink," you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.

**Congregation: Sir, you do not have anything to draw with, and the shaft is deep. So from where do you have living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us this shaft, and who himself drank from it along with his sons and his flocks?**

*Jesus:* Everyone drinking from this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks from the water I will give them will not thirst [from now] into the age to come, because the water I will give them shall become for them a well of water leaping up into eternal life.

**Congregation: Sir, give me this water so I will neither thirst nor come back here to draw. I know Messiah is coming, the one the Hellenists call Christ. Whenever he comes, he will announce everything to us.**

*Jesus:* I am he, the one speaking to you.

*Narrator:* Just then, his disciples came, and they were astonished that he was speaking with a woman. Yet no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" "So this woman let go of her

water jar, and went away into the city, and starts saying to the people there:

*Woman:* Come with me. See the person who has told me everything I have done! Mightn't this be the Christ?

*Narrator:* From that town many of the Samaritans believed into [Jesus] because of the word of the woman testifying, "He told me everything I've done!" So when Samaritans came to him, asking him to stay there among them, he stayed there two days. And many more believed through his word. And they said to the woman:

**Congregation: It's no longer because of what you said that we believe. For we have heard and we know that this man is truly the Savior of the world.**

*Silence.*

L: We are not alone, we live in God's world

**All: We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

(Children will leave for Sunday School)

**INVITATION TO GIVE:**

**L:** For God so loved the world that He gave that which he held dear to redeem it, His Son. Let us give our offerings as a response to this gift to help redeem the world we love.

**OFFERTORY:** VU 412 This is the Day

**DEDICATION:**

**ALL: Loving God, we offer you our gifts and our very selves, knowing that it is in your service we find true fulfillment.**

**HYMN:** MV 18 Lord Prepare Me

**SERMON:** "Are You Thirsty?"

**PRAYER OF RESPONSE:**

**ALL: Lord Jesus, you are the fountain for which we thirst, you are the Master we seek. In your presence, we dare not claim to be without sin, for you alone are the Holy One of God. We open our hearts to you in faith and bare our hidden wounds. In your love free us, quench our thirst, and give us peace. Amen**

**ANTHEM:** "When It Rains" by Sally DeFord

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Be Still and Know

L: Gracious and Loving God, we give you thanks for the many ways you make yourself known and present to us.

**P: Through your glorious Son, you offer us a stream of living water that nourishes the roots of our hope and faith.**

L: As a river gradually carves its way through the mountain rock making a new space of great beauty, so Your Spirit gently enlarges its dwelling place within us, creating an inner space where we can be refreshed by your Spirit and truth.

L: We pray, asking that good things may abound.

**P: For those we love, we ask for freedom to live your truth and use their gifts. Deepen their joy and bring them more fully alive in your Spirit.**

L: We pray for those who are in need of your healing and love.

**P: We pray for people who are ill, unemployed, over-worked, scared, lonely, or at loose ends. Bridge the gap between their deepest need and your loving kindness. Send the people and the materials that will help most. Gently lead each in the way of truth and worship.**

L: We pray for those who serve in leadership roles in government, business and public institutions.

**P: May all who lead be blessed with the gifts of wisdom and compassion. Bring peace to the troubled places of our world. Hear us as we pray for areas of unrest or war.**

L: We pray for ourselves. In the silence we immerse ourselves afresh in your Spirit so you might heal the hurts and purify the hopes we carry with us this day.

**P: We open ourselves to you now, praying for the week ahead. May we live your truth boldly.**



**EUC COUNCIL MEETING**  
There will be a meeting on  
**Wednesday , March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**@ 7:00pm**



**DOWNTOWN MISSION SUNDAY**

A reminder that  
**Sunday, March 26<sup>h</sup>**  
is Mission Sunday.  
Please remember your non-perishable  
food and hygiene items.



**A Call for Counters!**

Have you ever wondered how the money collected on Sunday morning is prepared for deposit for the bank? This is the work of the *Counters!* Thanks to them for this contribution to our ministry.

After worship service every Sunday they remove the givings and carefully count and record the cheques and cash received that day. This usually takes about half an hour and is done during coffee hour.



A *Counting Team* is assigned to one month per year. Currently there are openings on some of the teams. Would you prayerfully consider helping out with this important work?

No Experience  
Required

No experience is needed - training will be provided.



Sign up on the Volunteer Board in Ottawa Hall.

For more information speak to Linda Parks or Ted Alexander.



**LITURGICAL DANCE PRACTICE**  
The next Liturgical Dance practice to prepare for Easter Sunday will be held on **Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm.**



**Happy Birthday during the Month of March to:**

- Mel Draper
- Zianne Forbes
- Ethan Harrop
- Katie Nanson
- Marlene Smit
- Bob Thibert

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO SHEILA & MEL DRAPER**



**DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Event: Mother/Daughter Banquet**  
**Date: Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Cost: \$15.00**  
**More details to follow!**