

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word
August 25, 2024
11:00 AM

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude “Amazing Grace” Traditional

The Lighting of the Candles

The Introit “Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord” Hopson

The Opening Prayer

**The Hymn of Praise No. 171* “There’s Something About That Name”

The Children’s Moments

The Intercessory Prayers

The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN.

The Apostle’s Creed No. 881

**The Congregational Hymn No. 374 (vs. 1, 4)* “Standing on the Promises”

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory “Farther Along” arr. Collingworth

**The Doxology*

**The Gospel Lesson*

John 4:1-26

¹ Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” ² (although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), ³ he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴ But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A 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.) ⁹ The 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.) ¹⁰ 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.” ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but 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.” ¹⁵ The 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.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Reader: This is the Word of God.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

**The Gloria Patri*

The Anthem “God Is So Good to Me” arr. Sharpe and McDonald
Gary Echols, soloist

The Sermon “Meeting the Lord at Jacob’s Well”

**The Hymn of Invitation No. 334* “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

****The Benediction***

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

The Choral Benediction “Go Now in Peace” Sleeth

****Postlude*** “Heavenly Sunlight” arr. Hayes

*The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given by Anna and Kenny Dill
in loving memory of her parents*

*Zolon Marion Looney (February 23, 1916 – August 18, 2003) and
Jewell Castle Looney (October 7, 1921 – November 25, 2004).*

ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK

School Supply Drive – We are holding our annual school supply drive for the Blessing Box during the month of August. We have a box at the back of the sanctuary for you to place your donations, or you may order directly from Amazon and have the items sent directly to the church.

Get ready to grow! Beginning Wednesday, September 4, we'll be hosting an adult study at the church from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. during the semester. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Lighthouse Kids' Volunteers Needed - Our Wednesday night children's activities will resume on Wednesday, September 4. We are excited to learn about Jesus, study God's word, sing songs, and play games! Volunteers are needed to help us provide the best experience for our children! We need two volunteers per Wednesday. Volunteers are responsible for picking up food at Sun Fresh at 4:45, serving the food at 5:15, cleaning up, and then helping the children with a craft/activity from 6:15-6:45. Each activity/craft will be sent to the volunteers ahead of time so that everyone will have ample time to prepare. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is available at the back of the sanctuary. Please consider helping us in this endeavor.

New Texting Provider – The church will be using a new texting provider beginning September 2. If you already receive texts through Remind, we will add you to the new list unless you opt out. If you do not currently receive texts and would like to be added to the list, contact the church office.

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