



***Normandy Park United Church of Christ
March 12, 2023***

The Spiritual Travelers present "Encounter at the Well"

Bolded text is read and sung in unison

PRELUDE ~ *"We Have the Gift of Life"*

WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SONG ~ *"Holy Ground"*

Holy Ground

Words & Music by Geron Davis

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground and I

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are: "We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground and I". The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef and provides harmonic support for the vocal line.

5 know that there are an-gels all a- round let us praise

The second system of music starts at measure 5. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "know that there are an-gels all a- round let us praise". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines in the bass clef.

10 Je - sus now we are stand - ing in God's

The third system of music starts at measure 10. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "Je - sus now we are stand - ing in God's". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines in the bass clef.

14 pres-ence on ho - ly ground. We are

The fourth system of music starts at measure 14. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "pres-ence on ho - ly ground. We are". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines in the bass clef. The system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

WORDS OF GATHERING

We gather together—

**The seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers,
In hopes of seeing God.**

We gather together—

**The curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely,
In hopes of finding peace.**

We gather together—

**Those who are thirsty and those with water to spare,
In hopes of finding justice.**

So come to the well,

Come to the table.

Come, let us worship God. Amen.

SONG ~ “Come to the Water”

Come to the Water

♩=88

D G Asus A D G

1. All who are thirst-y__ for jus - tice, all who are thirst-y__ for
 2. All who are thirst-y__ for mer - cy, all who are thirst-y__ for
 3. All who are thirst-y__ for heal - ing, all who are thirst-y__ for
 4. All who are thirst-y__ for beau - ty, all who are thirst-y__ for

Asus A D G Em7 D/F#

peace. All who are thirst - y__ for peace, for jus - tice,
 love. All who are thirst - y__ for love, for mer - cy,
 touch. All who are thirst - y__ for touch, for heal - ing,
 truth. All who are thirst - y__ for truth, for beau - ty

G Em7 G Asus A

come, come to__ the wa - ter__ of life._____
 come, come to__ the wa - ter__ of life._____
 come, come to__ the wa - ter__ of life._____
 come, come to__ the wa - ter__ of life._____

E A Bsus B E A Bsus B

5. All who are thirst-y__ for free - dom, all who are thirst-y__ for hope.
 6. All who are thirst-y__ for laugh - ter, all who are thirst-y__ for joy.

E A F#7 E/G# A

All who are thirst - y__ for hope, for free - dom, come,
 All who are thirst - y__ for joy, for laugh - ter, come,

F#m7 A Bsus B E

come to__ the wa - ter__ of life._____
 come to__ the wa - ter__ of life._____

OPENING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”*

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that a glass of water given to us by a stranger
Can taste like justice.**

**We believe that honest conversation
Has the power to change us.**

**We believe that all God’s children
Have a voice and something to say.**

**We believe that Jesus loves the outcast, the ignored,
The shamed, and the abandoned.**

We believe in asking questions.

We believe in curiosity.

We believe in giving people a drink.

May we be brave enough to give people a drink. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL ~ *The Spiritual Travelers*

“ENCOUNTER AT THE WELL” ~ *John 4:1-29*

SONG ~ *“Gathered Here”*

***Gathered here in the myst’ry of this hour,
Gathered here in one strong body,
Gathered here in the struggle and the pow’r,
Spirit draw near.***

RITUAL

SONG ~ *“We are People at the Well”*

***We are people at the well,
Thirsting for your living water,
Bringing you our hearts of longing,
Come and fill us now.***

***We are people at the well,
Thirsting for your living water,
Bringing you our hearts of seeking,
Come and fill us now.***

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Bill, Judy's friend
- Deb T.
- Erin G.
- Gloria J.
- Ida and Jason, Nancy S.'s sister and nephew
- Jim, Lynn Z.'s brother
- Jon C.
- Judy H., Nancy B.'s friend
- Lee W.
- Mack V.
- Marilyn, Mack's friend
- Megan
- Michael, Sue B.'s friend
- Patty, Judy J.'s cousin
- Sue B.
- Terry, Wenden and Bob's friend
- Tom, Bob and Wenden's friend
- The Vaughan family
- Vic, Nancy A.'s friend
- Yoko S.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator (or Our Mother, or 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 sins,

As we forgive those who sin 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.

AMEN (x5)


SHARING OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

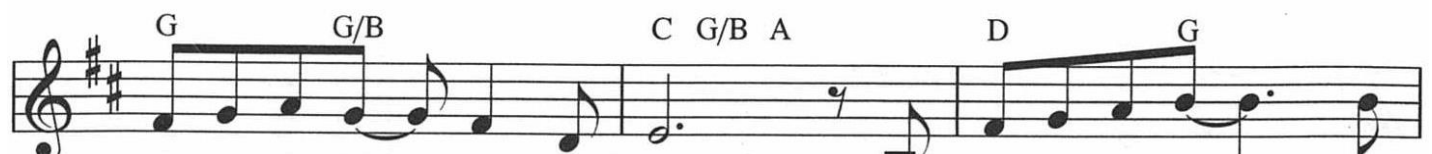
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter,
One God, Triune whom we adore. Amen.*

BLESSING


SONG ~ "Wherever You Go"



1. Wher - ev - er you go, — God is with you; wher -
2. Wher - ev - er we go, — God is with us; wher -



-ev - er you go, — God is there. Wher - ev - er you go, — what -
-ev - er we go, — God is there. Wher - ev - er we go, — what -



-ev - er you do, — you are in God's care. —
-ev - er we do, — we are in God's care. —

POSTLUDE

*Pastor: Rev. Amy Hitchens
Ministers: Every One of Us
Interim Music Director: DJ Wilson
Deacon of the Month: Stacie L.
Greeters: Mark H. and Gaddy P.*

*Usher: Nancy K.
Flowers: Joan A.
Technology: Vicki N.
Coffee Hour: Dorine S.*

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