

Scripture Reading: John 4:1-42

¹Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John—² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples.³ So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. ⁴Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. ⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ¹¹"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" ¹³Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." ¹⁷"I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." ¹⁹"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹"Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" ³⁰They came out of the town and made their way toward him. ³¹Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." ³³Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" ³⁴"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. ³⁸I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." ³⁹Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹And because of his words many more became believers. ⁴²They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PINE ISLAND
Love, Hope, a place to Belong

Pastor Bill Hoffman

September 16, 2018, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) FWS (Faith We Sing)

W&S (Worship & Song)

(Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)**

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Rachel Lange

L: In the streets and city square, Wisdom cries out.

My friends, are we listening?

**P: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

L: The heavens and the earth proclaim the glory of God.

My friends, are we listening?

**P: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

L: The word of God revives the soul and warms the heart.

My friends, are we listening?

**P: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

L: Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

Dear friends, what is our answer?

**P: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

Time of Reflection

Pianist: Joel Blair

****Hymn (W&S) #3177
(FWS) #2108**

***Here I Am to Worship
O How He Loves You and Me***

Children's Sermon

Pastor Bill

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

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.

****Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Special Music

Grace Murray

Scripture:

John 4:1-42

Hymn (UMH) #339

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

Message

The Source of Our Hospitality

Pastor Bill Hoffman

Celebration of Holy Communion

(Please Bring Gifts and Offerings as You Come Forward For Communion)

****Hymn (W&S) #3177**

Fill My Cup, Lord

Prayer for Living Expectantly

Gracious and Life-Giving God,

- Pour out your Holy Spirit, like a mighty wind and tongues of fire, to unleash our churches to see kingdom visions, to dream your dreams, and to prophesy to your saving grace and justice.
- Revive the power of the gospel in the hearts of our clergy and lay leadership and prosper their words and works, so that all nations may hear the good news in their own tongues.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses, to be a living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth and a blessing to all creation.
- Create in me an expectant heart, eager to receive your Spirit gifts and guidance to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose precious and powerful name I pray. Amen.

Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude

Please remember to sign Pew Pad.

PLEASE NOTE

- **Pastor Bill's** office hours will be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9am to 12noon. To contact Pastor Bill call: cell (605) 840-1801, home (507) 356-4317, e-mail revwilly3@gmail.com. Pastor Bill will be at Betty Sue's Better Brew on Wednesdays at 9am.
- **Mission Box** for September is Food for Friends. **Pine Island Sharing Shelf** for September is paper products.
- **Lunch Bunch** will be at Fisherman's Inn, Sunday, September 23, 11:30 am.
- **Mission Summit:** Saturday, Sept. 29, 9 am-3 pm at Oakwood UMC in New Ulm. The event is free with lunch included. Churches attending will receive \$50 seed money to start a new outreach ministry. To register, go to https://mnumc-reg.brtaapp.com/Mission_Summit71
- **Reach! Conference 2018:** Oct. 5-6, at Embrace Church in Sioux Falls. This Dakotas-Minnesota event is devoted to helping congregations reach new people. Register before your preferred workshop fills up! Registration is \$45. To register, go to <https://reachumc.org/register/>
- **Conversations on a Way Forward:** Bishop Ough will host gatherings to continue the Conversations on A Way Forward prior to General Conference special session Feb. 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis. Sessions in this area include Christ UMC, Rochester, Wed, Sept. 26, 6:30-9 pm; Normandale Hylands, Bloomington, Thurs, Sept. 27, 6:30-9 pm; and The Grove UMC, Woodbury, Mon, Oct. 1 6:30-9 pm. To register, go to <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/eventdetail/11606639?month=9&year=2018&day=1&display=m>
- **Klubb Supper** at Stordahl Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 6 from 4-7pm. They are also celebrating 140 years on Sunday, September 30 with a Pot Luck after the 10:30 worship.
- **Harvest Home Dinner Bazaar & Silent Auction** will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 4-7pm. Tickets are as follows: Adults (11+) \$13.00, Children (ages 5-10) \$5.00 and Children under 5 free.