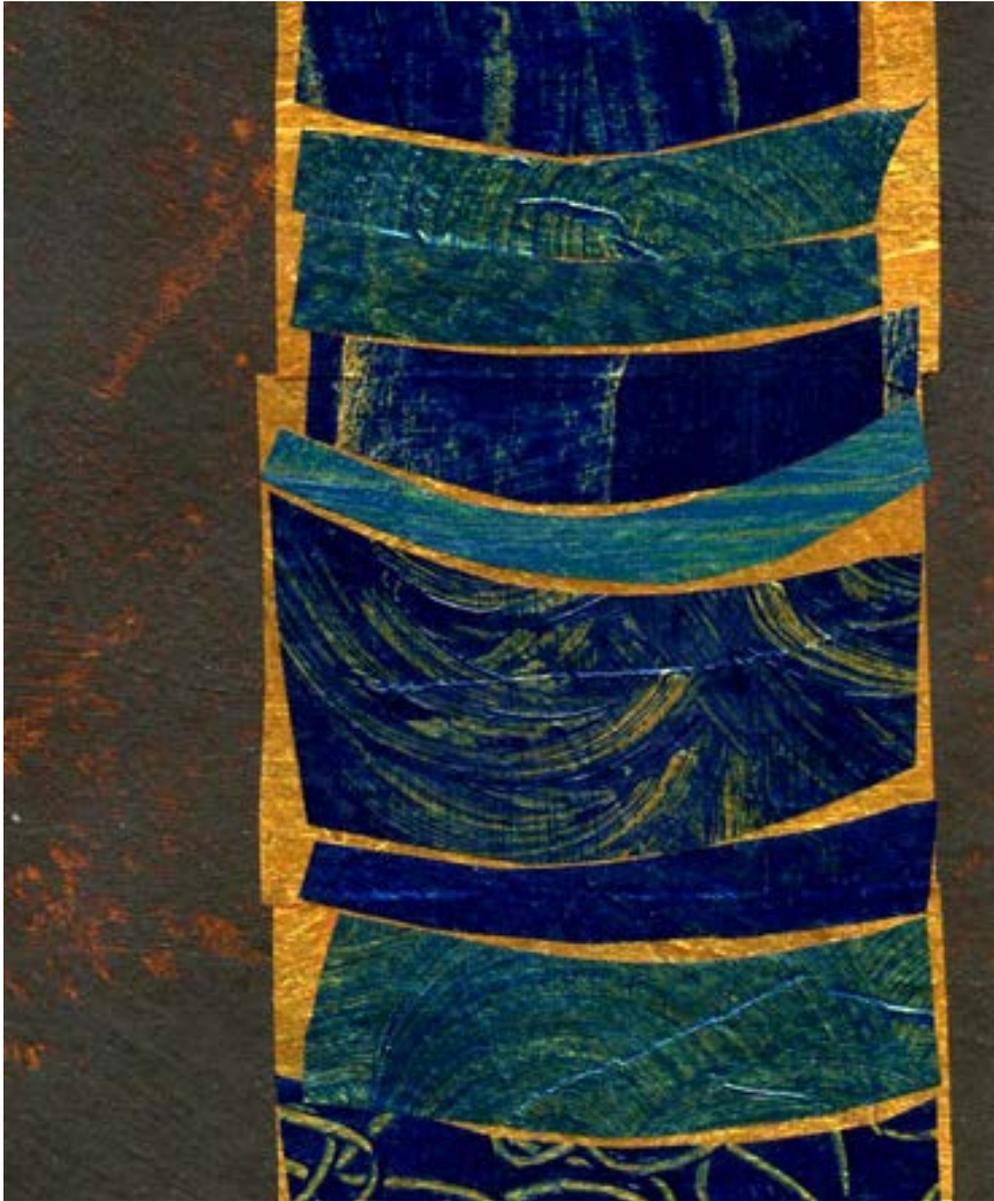


# **Bless this Mess: *Stories of Brokenness and Redemption***

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, July 11, 2021**



*The Way of Water*, mixed media  
Jan Richardson (b. 1967) Winter Park, Florida

*Welcome to worship at Faith Presbyterian Church! We are glad that you made time to join us this morning. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, whatever your faith or your doubt, we welcome all whom God welcomes, and that means you. As we begin our time together, take a few deep breaths and settle in, to make the transition from getting here to being here, and to prepare your mind and body for worship.*

## **Faith Presbyterian Church ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich**

**Joys and Concerns**

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** *Prelude: Folk Tune*

Percy William Whitlock  
(1903-1946)

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit; unison parts are in bold.*

**\*Call to Worship \*\***

**Delevena Brown**

All who are thirsty, come!

**God is the fountain for our lives.**

All who are hungry, come!

**Jesus feeds us with goodness and grace.**

Rich and poor, young and old, neighbor and guest, come!

**The Holy Spirit gathers everyone around the table.**

**\*Hymn 484** *Out of Deep, Unordered Water*

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**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy, you who created us, know us, and call us by name: Too often we allow our differences to divide us and refuse to seek common ground. Our worries leave us dry, parched, and longing for an oasis of acceptance and the reassurance of love. We try to go it alone, forgetting that you reach out to us, offering Living Water from a well that will never run dry. Forgive us, we pray. Drown out the doubts that overwhelm us, and give us hope for new life again. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...**

**Assurance of Grace**

**Gloria 591** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

HALLE, HALLE

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**A Moment with Faith Kids**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and

Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

**Gospel Reading** John 4:5-29, 31-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 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.) 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.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 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.' 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.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' 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.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?'

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to

stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.'

... So, when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word.

**It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.**

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Bless this Mess: The Woman at the Well*

Rev. Goodrich

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn 699 *Fill My Cup*

FILL MY CUP

### Invitation to the Offering

*If you wish to contribute online, please scan the QR code with your mobile device to be directed to Faith's online giving site.*



Offertory *Panis Angelicus*

Cesar Franck  
(1822-1890)

## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

### Invitation to The Table

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

*The prayer continues, concluding with*

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be this day, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### Words of Institution

## Sharing of Communion

*If you are in the sanctuary, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup, and return by the outside aisle. Gluten free, dairy free bread is available in a dish on each plate. If you are at home, when the bread is broken, please break the bread. When the cup is poured, please pour it or touch the cup if you've already filled it. We give thanks that the Spirit is present wherever we are, knitting us together as the body of Christ in the world.*

## Prayer after Communion

**Loving God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life, and a cup of grace overflowing. May the food we have shared strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. In Christ's name we pray, amen.**

## SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\***Hymn 538** *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

## Charge & Benediction

Go now, to find the thirsty.

**We will show them where the living water flows.**

Go now, to find the hungry.

**We will share from our abundance to feed them.**

Go now, to find the stranger.

**We will embrace them as sister and brother.**

**Postlude** *Gloria*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
(1756–1791)

## Passing of the Peace

\*\* Thom Shuman, Lectionary liturgies blog

<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/search?updated-max=2020-08-18T11:53:00-07:00>

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