Thursday, August 11, 2022

Take your Pulse

What has been your fondest moment at work this summer?

What about your job do you like the least?

Today's Reading   John Chapter 4

The author John uses a word play in many of Jesus's sayings. "I am he", or "I am the bread of life" (chapter 6) and so on. The expression I Am is a direct reference to Exodus chapter 3 when God gives Moses the divine name "I Am", often transliterated in English from Hebrew as the letters "YHWH" and pronounced either as Yahweh or Jehovah. When the author John uses this expression for Jesus, he is making a direct link between Jesus as the Christ and God the Father. He is saying they are one and the same. Even the Samaritans knew this name for God and while they didn't get along with their cousins down in Judea, they certainly were also expecting a Messiah to come with God's liberation. For one woman with a complicated past, her encounter with the living water at Jacob's well became the discovery of that Messiah.

Start the Thinking

The royal official was simply told to believe his son was healed. He had to begin that journey home and believe all the while not knowing that indeed his son was healed. He must have been relieved when his belief was proven real. How hard might it be to leave Jesus with only a belief of healing and not see it until much later?

Conversing with God

Light of the World, you offer a water that quenches all thirst. May we receive this living water, may it well up in us and overflow as we share the joy of believing in you with our entire village. In your holy name we pray. Amen

Be blessed

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ, our Savior, is alive! The grave could not hold him. Christ is alive! There is joy this morning! Go into the world with joy. Tell the world Christ lives. Tell the world of God's love. Go, my sisters and brothers, go without fear; go without shame; go without apology. Go in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.