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-SPECIAL MUSIC-

"Thirsty"

Timmy Smallwood

-WELCOME-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Show Us How to Love"

HEARTS OPEN, MINDS AWAKE,
CHANGE US NOW FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE.
LEAVE US NOT ALONE IN HATRED'S WAKE.

SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.
SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.
SHOW US HOW, SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.

-DEVOTIONAL-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Show Us How to Love"

EYES OPENED, SHOCKED AWAKE,
MUCH TO LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES,
DRAW US CLOSER IN OUR HEARTACHE.

SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.
SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.
SHOW US HOW, SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.

-PRAYER-

-CALL TO WORSHIP-

We have often looked for love,
for acceptance, and security,
in the approval of others,
giving away the power to claim for ourselves
that we are inherently beloved, created by God.
WE YEARN FOR LIVES THAT MATTER,

WE DESIRE RELATIONSHIPS THAT THRIVE,
WE WANT LESS REGRET.

So, God. We pray these words together.
WE OPEN OUR HEARTS, OUR MINDS,
OUR SOULS, OUR VISION
TO THE WAYS OF LOVE CREATED BY YOU,
EMBODIED IN JESUS,
AND ALREADY MOVING IN US BY THE SPIRIT.
WE ARE FORGIVEN, LOVED, AND FREED!
AMEN!

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

CRASHING WATER AT CREATION,
ORDERED BY THE SPIRIT'S BREATH,
FIRST TO WITNESS DAY'S BEGINNING
FROM THE BRIGHTNESS OF NIGHT'S DEATH.

PARTING WATER STOOD AND TREMBLED
AS CAPTIVES PASSED ON THROUGH,
WASHING OFF THE CHAINS OF BONDAGE,
CHANNEL TO LIFE MADE NEW.

CLEANSING WATER ONCE AT JORDAN
CLOSED AROUND THE ONE FORETOLD,
OPENED TO REVEAL THE GLORY
EVER NEW AND EVER OLD.

LIVING WATER, NEVER ENDING,
QUENCH THE THIRST AND FLOOD THE SOUL.
WELL-SPRING, SOURCE OF LIFE ETERNAL,
DRENCH OUR DRYNESS, MAKE US WHOLE.

-SCRIPTURE-

John 4: 5-42 (NRSV)

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 worshiped 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 worshipers 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?"

They left the city and were on their way to him. 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 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."

-THE MESSAGE-

"The Thirst Quencher"

Pam Lee-Miller

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"As We Gather At Your Table"

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE,
AS WE LISTEN TO YOUR WORD,
HELP US KNOW, O GOD, YOUR PRESENCE;
LET OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE STIRRED.
NOURISH US WITH SACRED STORY
TILL WE CLAIM IT AS YOUR OWN;
TEACH US THROUGH THIS HOLY BANQUET
HOW TO MAKE LOVE'S VICTORY KNOWN.

-COMMUNION-

"As We Gather At Your Table"

Brenda Gardiner

-OFFERING-

"Fill My Cup, Lord" – R. Blanchard

Brenda Gardiner

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Rain Down"

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE,
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

FAITHFUL AND TRUE IS THE WORD OF OUR GOD.
ALL OF GOD'S WORKS ARE SO WORTHY OF TRUST.

GOD'S MERCY FALLS ON THE JUST AND THE RIGHT;
FULL OF GOD'S LOVE IS THE EARTH.

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE,
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

GOD OF CREATION, WE LONG FOR YOUR TRUTH;
YOU ARE THE WATER OF LIFE THAT WE THIRST,
GRANT THAT YOUR LOVE AND YOUR PEACE TOUCH OUR HEARTS,
ALL OF OUR HOPE LIES IN YOU.

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE,
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Show Us How to Love"

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