

The Celtic Cross is an ancient Christian symbol. The cross proper recalls the death of Christ for the sins of his people, while the circle is a historic symbol of God’s eternal nature. Jesus’ name is at the center, depicted by the Greek letters “Ιης” and is surrounded by the vine and branches, representing our relationship to Him. At the bottom, CHRISTUS VICTOR, “Christ is Victorious,” testifies to his triumph over sin and death on the cross. This Celtic cross is used by permission of Saint Paul’s Presbyterian Church in Orlando, Florida. Each of the five panels represents a significant event in Christ’s life.



**HIS REIGN**

The wounded lamb as Christ reclining on the book of seven seals is a historic symbol of the reigning Christ. The three-rayed nimbus is an ancient symbol of deity. (Revelation 5:9-12)

**HIS RESURRECTION**

Lilies traditionally represent the resurrection; the trumpet heralds Christ’s certain and triumphal return. (1 Corinthians 15:54; Matthew 24:31; Luke 12:27)



**HIS ATONEMENT**

The crown of thorns and nails testify to Christ’s sacrificial death on the cross. (Hebrews 2:17; John 19:2; 20:27)

**HIS BAPTISM**

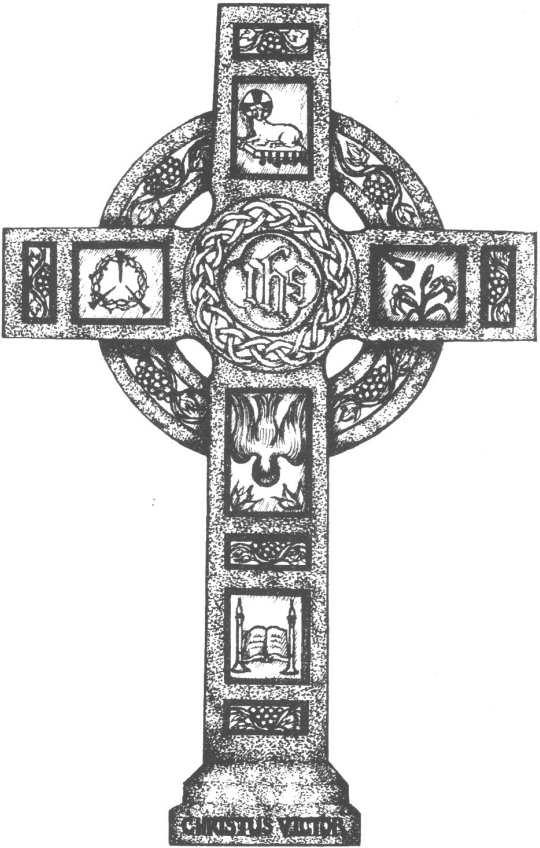
The dove and tongues of fire symbolically portray the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:10; Acts 2:3)



**HIS INCARNATION**

The open Bible is the Word of God. The double lighted candlesticks represent the dual nature of Christ—his deity and his humanity. (John 1:1-14)

***Exalting Christ through Worship,  
Renewal, Community, and Partnership***



**CHRIST CHURCH VENTURA**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for home; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come; this church offers a genuine welcome in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.*

WHAT IS OUR MESSAGE?

The great good news is that God has taken it upon Himself to do something for us that we are powerless to do for ourselves. The Gospel is simply this: sinners are forgiven and accepted by God because of the work of Jesus Christ. Trust in Christ’s finished work is not just the beginning of the Christian life, but the means and end as well. The Gospel is what must be applied more and more deeply in order to live as a Christian. The power of the Gospel is not merely about forgiveness and improvement, but renewal and wholeness.

A GOSPEL-SHAPED MINISTRY

- The Gospel changes people — Through the continual application of the Gospel we become more like Christ.
- The Gospel produces joy — Grace frees us from both condemnation and self-righteousness to enjoy God fully.
- The Gospel defines community — In union with Christ, we become God’s sons and daughters—His new people.
- The Gospel points outward — Grace disengages approval seeking, engenders authenticity, and curbs pride.
- The Gospel informs attitudes — As Christians, we desire the peace and wellbeing of our communities and cities.
- The Gospel removes barriers — Reconciliation humbles us so that we may become agents to reconcile others.
- The Gospel renews culture — All of life matters to God and we are to pursue all vocations with excellence.
- The Gospel builds momentum — Church planting is the result of and the means to fulfilling the great commission

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

We embrace the *historic Christian faith* — believing the timeless truths held in common by the church in all ages and places. We wholeheartedly affirm the classic doctrines defined by the Apostles’, Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds.

- The Trinity — There is only one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- The Incarnation — The person Jesus Christ is the only Son of God who is both fully God and fully human.
- The Atonement — Jesus died on a cross and was raised from the dead in order to redeem us from our sins.

biblical teachings that were restated during the Protestant Reformation. This great renewal of the church in the 16<sup>th</sup> century has given us a common heritage in the classic “solas”.

- Scripture Alone — The Bible is the one source of divine revelation and the only completely reliable guide for faith and life.
- Christ Alone — Salvation is accomplished by the substitutionary atonement of the historical and sinless Christ alone.
- Grace Alone — We are rescued from God’s anger, freed from sin’s bondage and lifted to new life by His grace alone.
- Faith Alone — Christ’s righteousness is imputed to us as the only possible satisfaction of God’s justice by faith alone.
- God Alone — The sole purpose of our creation and redemption is to enjoy God’s presence and live for His glory.

**CHRIST CHURCH VENTURA IS A CONGREGATION  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

*Alive by God's grace, we aim to know, love, and follow Jesus through historic worship, gospel renewal, genuine community, and global partnership to the end that God's people are gathered and Christ's Kingdom is extended throughout Ventura County and beyond.*

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**WORSHIP LOCATION**

Christ Church Ventura has resumed public worship services outside on the back lawn on Sundays at 1:30pm (196 North Ashwood Avenue).  
Bring your family, friends, lawn chairs, blankets, and play pens.  
Christ Church Ventura will continue to stream services live on YouTube.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NURSERY** (Available for parents with young children)

**MEN'S STUDY GROUP** — The Book of Job, (Contact David Blank)

**WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP** — Westminster Shorter Catechism (Online)  
(Contact Rebecca Durant)

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP** — Meets online (Contact Karen Rivas)

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**Order for the Celebration and Worship of God**

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: November 14, 2021 1:30pm*

\* Congregation standing

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** (*Lyrics on page 2*)

"Sovereign Grace"  
Sandra McCracken © 2002

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 27:1-5 (ESV)

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
- 3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.
- 5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will  
keep me under cover of his tent; he will lift me up on a rock.

**INVITATORY**

Minister: Lord, open our hearts.

**People:** ***And cause us to embrace your gracious promises.***

Minister: Teach us your ways and lead us in a straight path.

**People:** ***And do not hide your face or turn us away in anger.***

**Unison:** ***Come let us wait upon the Lord!***

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE** (*Lyrics on page 3*)

"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"  
Fernando Ortega @ 2005

## SOVEREIGN GRACE

Sovereign grace ov’r sin abounding  
Ransomed souls, the tidings swell  
Tis a deep that knows no sounding  
Who its breadth or length can tell  
On its glories, may my soul for ever dwell

What from Christ that soul can sever  
Bound by everlasting bands  
Once in him, in him for ever  
Thus the eternal covenant stands  
None shall take thee  
From the strength of Israel’s hands

Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus  
Long ere time its race begun  
To his name eternal praises  
O what wonders love has done  
One with Jesus, by eternal union one

On such love, my soul, still ponder  
Love so great, so rich, so free  
Say, while lost in holy wonder  
Why, O Lord, such love to me  
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign  
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign  
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign eternally

## \* PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**Unison:** *Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And O Lord, grant us this other benefit: that you will never allow us to forget these things, but having them imprinted on our hearts, we may grow and increase daily in the faith which is at work in every good deed. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

## \* BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV)

Minister: “The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up the light of his countenance  
and give you peace.”

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus.

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

## POSTLUDE

“Creed”  
Petra © 2013

## **POOR SINNER DEJECTED WITH FEAR**

Poor sinner, dejected with fear  
Unbosom thy mind to the lamb  
No wrath on his brow he does wear  
Nor will he poor mourners condemn  
His arm of omnipotent grace  
Is able and willing to save  
A sweet and a permanent peace  
He'll freely and faithfully give

Come just as thou art, with thy woe  
Fall down at the feet of the lamb  
He will not, he cannot say, go  
But surely will take out thy stain  
A fountain is opened for sin  
And thousands its virtues have proved  
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein  
And wash thee from filth in his blood.

The soul that on Jesus relies  
He'll never, no never deceive  
He freely and faithfully gives  
More blessings than we can conceive  
Yea, down to old age he will keep  
Nor will he forsake us at last  
He knows and is known by his sheep  
They're his, and he will hold them fast

## **PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY**

Praise to the Lord  
The almighty, the king of creation  
Oh my soul, praise him  
For he is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear  
Now to his temple draw near  
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord  
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under his wings  
Yes, so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen  
How all thy longings have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord  
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely his goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew, what the almighty can do  
If with his love he befriend thee

Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore him  
All that hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before him  
Let the amen sound from his people again  
Gladly for aye we adore him

## \* PRAYER OF ADORATION

***Unison: Blessed Lord, you caused the holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession XIX:5-7

***Unison: The moral law doth forever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the obedience thereof; and that, not only in regard of the matter contained in it, but also in respect of the authority of God the Creator, who gave it. Neither doth Christ, in the gospel, any way dissolve, but much strengthen this obligation.***

***Although true believers be not under the law, as a covenant of works, to be thereby justified, or condemned; yet is it of great use to them, as well as to others; in that, as a rule of life informing them of the will of God, and their duty, it directs and binds them to walk accordingly; discovering also the sinful pollutions of their nature, hearts, and lives; so as, examining themselves thereby, they may come to further conviction of, humiliation for, and hatred against sin, together with a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and the perfection of his obedience.***

***It is likewise of use to the regenerate, to restrain their corruptions, in that it forbids sin: and the threatenings of it serve to show what even their sins deserve; and what afflictions, in this life, they may expect for them, although freed from the curse thereof threatened in the law.***

## ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we though many throughout the earth  
We are one body in this one Lord

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more

One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we though many throughout the earth  
We are one body in this one Lord

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all

One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we though many throughout the earth  
We are one body in this one Lord

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all

One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we though many throughout the earth  
We are one body in this one Lord

## AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

Minister: "Jesus is God's Lamb, who takes away the world's sin!"

**People:** *Have mercy on us, O Lord and grant us your peace.*

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Minister: Christ our Passover, sacrificed for us.

**People:** *Therefore, let us keep the feast!*

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**People:** *Thanks be to the Lord!*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*(Music on page 13)*

"One Bread, One Body"

Mayda Belen © 2020

*(Music on page 14)*

"Poor Sinner Dejected with Fear"

Indelible Grace © 2001

## ✱ Regarding participation the Lord's Supper

- *Those who have publicly professed faith in Jesus Christ, have been baptized, and are committed to a Gospel proclaiming church, are welcome to celebrate in the Lord's Supper with us. If these particular facts do not describe you, we respectfully ask you to refrain from participating in the sacrament.*
- *Please come forward to receive the sacrament at the table. You are encouraged to repent, rest, and rejoice in the finished work of Christ as the Lord's Supper is observed. The consecrated bread and wine are served in separate cups. After you have partaken, please dispose of empty cups in the white collection containers at the table.*

***The promises of it, in like manner, show them God's approbation of obedience, and what blessings they may expect upon the performance thereof: although not as due to them by the law as a covenant of works. So as, a man's doing good, and refraining from evil, because the law encourages to the one, and deters from the other, is no evidence of his being under the law; and, not under grace. Neither are the prior mentioned uses of the law contrary to the grace of the gospel, but do sweetly comply with it; the Spirit of Christ subduing and enabling the will of man to do that freely, and cheerfully, which the will of God, revealed in the law, requires to be done.***

## PSALTER LESSON

Psalms 63:1-11 (ESV)

- 1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.
- 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.
- 4 So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.
- 5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,  
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
- 6 when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
- 7 for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
- 8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.
- 9 But those who seek to destroy my life  
shall go down into the depths of the earth;
- 10 they shall be given over to the power of the sword;  
they shall be a portion for jackals.
- 11 But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall  
exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Unison:** *O God of all the nations, remember those who have been created in your image but have not known the saving work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that by the prayers and labors of your holy church, they may be brought to know and worship you as you have been revealed in your Son.*

Minister: We pray for God's people throughout the world and for all ministers and missionaries. We ask that you may be pleased to refresh them with your grace and presence and to open doors of opportunity to advance the Gospel.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayers.*

Minister: We pray for the Father to comfort all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit with any need or care. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of Christ's salvation.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayers.*

Minister: We pray for the whole Church of Jesus Christ, knowing it is the object of God's affection and the appointed means by which you carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. Equip and mobilize your people for this task.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayers.*

Minister: We pray for ourselves that we may excel in our various callings to make known the love of Christ and that future generations may be filled with the knowledge of the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayers.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you!

**People:** *And also with you!*

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

**People:** *We lift them up to the Lord!*

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord!

**People:** *It is good and right so to do.*

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, that we should always give you thanks, O Lord; therefore, with the angels, we exalt and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you.

## THE SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Psalm 118:26

Minister: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!"

**People:** *"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
We bless you from the house of the Lord."*

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the faith!

**Unison:** *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Unison:** *We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy; grant us therefore, gracious Lord, that we may so partake of this bread and wine that our sinful bodies may be made clean by Christ's body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*



## PASTORAL PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

"God of Day, God of Darkness"  
Christian Guitar Music © 2010

**\* DOXOLOGY** Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### CONFESSION OF SIN

***Unison: Our gracious God and Father, your promises in Christ Jesus are true and will all be fulfilled as surely as you have spoken them. Yet we have often doubted them and lived at times as if there were no God. Lord, forgive us for trusting other things and being content with temporal treasures. Grant us grace to repent and to rest in Christ, our God incarnate, as the ground of our lives and the spring of our hope. Teach us to resign to your will and to believe that you work all things for my good. Bless us with the faith of Abraham, that does not stagger at promises through unbelief.***

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** 2 Corinthians 5:17-19, 21 (ESV)

Minister: "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation, everything old has passed away. Behold, everything has become new. All this is from God, who reconciled us through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

## \* HYMN OF HOPE

"Jesus, I Am Resting"  
Matthew Smith © 2006

Chorus: Jesus, I am resting, resting, in the joy of what thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.

Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee  
As thy beauty fills my soul  
For by thy transforming power  
Thou hast made me whole Chorus

O, how great thy loving kindness  
Vaster, broader than the sea  
O, how marvelous thy goodness  
Lavished all on me  
Yes, I rest in thee, beloved  
Know what wealth of grace is thine  
Know thy certainty of promise  
And have made it mine Chorus

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus  
I behold thee as thou art  
And thy love, so pure, so changeless  
Satisfies my heart  
Satisfies its deepest longings  
Meets, supplies its every need  
Compasseth me round with blessings  
Thine is love indeed Chorus

Ever lift thy face upon me  
As I work and wait for thee  
Resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus  
Earth's dark shadows flee  
Brightness of my Father's glory  
Sunshine of my Father's face  
Keep me ever trusting, resting  
Fill me with thy grace Chorus

Minister: We pray for this Church that we may grow in wisdom and stature to bear much fruit for Christ. Compelled by Christ's love and empowered by his Spirit, may this body of believers be used by the Lord to advance his kingdom.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayers.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** Matthew 6:9-13 (ESV)

***Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,  
as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil: For yours is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

**\* GOSPEL LESSON** John 4:1-30 (ESV)

**4** Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup>(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), <sup>3</sup> he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. <sup>4</sup> And he had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> 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." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her,

"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." <sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup> They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ!

**People:** *Thanks be to the Lord!*

**\* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

Reverend Johnathan B. Keenan  
"Jesus and the Samaritan Woman"