

Third Sunday of Lent

Embracing the Stranger (Inspired by John 4: 5-15 NLT)

Note: Before the reading, make sure all but two violet candles are lit including the white Christ candle.

Reader #1 - Upon ground acquired by Jacob, and designated for the family of Joseph, in Samaria Jesus comes to Jacob's well.

Reader #2 - It was there that Jesus would reveal insights to who he was.

Reader #1 - From the Gospel According to John we read, "Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Please give me a drink.'"

Reader #2 - "The woman was surprised ... saying to Jesus, 'You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?'"

Reader #1 - "Jesus replied, 'If you only knew the gift God has for you and who I am, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.'"

Reader #2 - "'But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket,' she said, 'and this is a very deep well. Where would you get this living water?'"

Reader #1 - "Jesus replied, 'People soon become thirsty again after drinking *well* water. The water I give them takes away thirst altogether. It becomes a perpetual spring within them, giving them eternal life.'"

Reader #2 - "'Please sir,' the woman said, 'give me some of that water!'"

Now, please extinguish a third violet candle ... and return to your pew ...

(Thank you!)