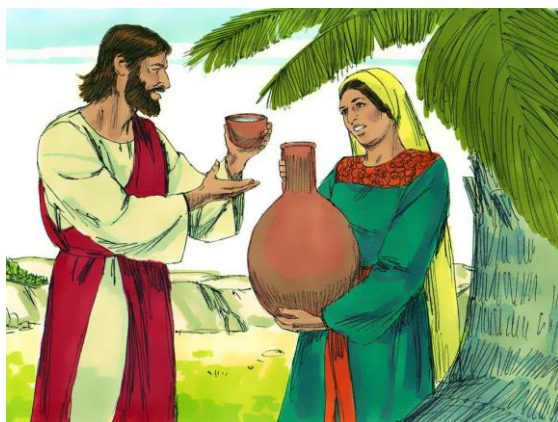


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The Samaritan woman at the well

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- **NCH** IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: *(based on Psalm 95)*

One: O come, let us sing to our GOD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Many: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise!

One: Our God is great, Sovereign above all powers and principalities.

Many: The sea, the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains, indeed all of creation were made by God and belong to God.

One: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the HOLY ONE, our Maker!

Many: Yes! God is our God, and we are God’s people: O that today we would listen for the Lord’s voice!

One: Let us not harden our hearts, as they did in the wilderness,

Many: When our ancestors tested our Liberator, requiring proof of God’s faithfulness, even though they had witnessed miracles!

One: For forty years God contended with that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."

Many: Today, Holy One, we have learned from their struggles. Today, we re-dedicate our hearts to you and strain our ears to hear your voice. Speak now, Still-Speaking God, for your people are listening.

*OPENING HYMN: **“Gather Us In”** (Insert & On Screen)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

God of grace and truth, we come to your house today to worship you. We bring all of ourselves to you, all of the good, the bad, and the ugly. We entrust our hidden, fearful, and fragile selves to your transforming power and gentle, loving care. Blessing, glory, and honor are yours alone. Thank you for the many ways your Spirit breaks into our lives and into this troubled world. We offer this prayer in the name of the One whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

*GLORIA: **NCH 759**

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

*GOSPEL READING: **John 4:5-42**

Dialogue and sung refrains. (On Screen)

SERMON:

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: **NCH 489**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

PASTORAL PRAYER: Beginning with silent, personal prayer.
Ending with the Lord’s Prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver**

**us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 773 “Remember Me”

**Remember me, remember me,
O Jesus, remember me.**

INVITATION TO SHARE:

OFFERTORY: “O How He Loves You and Me”

Kurt Kaiser

***DOXOLOGY: NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done.
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**Great Provider, bless these offerings and multiply them
according to your will. May they restore hope and
wholeness to those who benefit from them.
In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: NCH 4**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

***BENEDICTION:**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: NCH 75 Verse 1**

**Lord, make me more holy, Lord, make me more holy.
Lord, make me more holy, until we meet again.
Holy, holy, holy until we meet again.**

***POSTLUDE: “Majestic March” Rob Roy Perry**