



**First United Methodist Church  
of Southbridge**



***Sermon Series***

***“Unseen Women: Seen by God”***

***Week 3: the woman at the well***

***Sunday, August 9, 2020***



**Open**

hearts.  
minds.  
doors.

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Due to the Covid-19 virus, there will be no coffee hour after worship until further notice.

Bathrooms are located in the back of the sanctuary:

Left stairs for all identifying as men

Right stairs for all identifying as women

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL

*“Like the woman at the well, believe that God can satisfy your deepest thirst.”  
Chrystal Evanhurst*

Please read aloud words marked in “**Bold**” print.

\*indicates that you might stand as able

### WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*OPENING HYMN

“**Easter People Raise Your Voices ”**

**Hymnal #304**

Easter people raise your voices  
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring  
Christ has brought us Heaven's choices  
Heavenly music let it ring  
Alleluia alleluia  
Easter people let us sing

Fear of death can no more stop us  
From our pressing here below  
For our Lord empowered us  
To triumph over every foe  
Alleluia alleluia  
On to victory now we go

Every day to us is Easter  
With its resurrection song  
Even when life overwhelms us  
Easter people sing this song:  
Alleluia alleluia  
Everlasting Sunday song.

#### \*GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)

**Wellspring of eternal life, we come to you this day having drunk deeply the waters of anxiety and despair. Bring to us your living water. Quench our thirsting souls, for we offer this prayer in Your Name. AMEN.**

**DRAWING NEAR TO GOD**  
**A Silent Time for Centering Oneself**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Bob Briere

**PREPARING TO PRAY**

Sharing of Prayers, Joys and Concerns (please follow your petition with  
**“Lord, in your Mercy, please respond “Thanks Be To God” for joys and  
 “hear our prayers” for concerns)**  
 (you are invited to pray in silence)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to truly believe that you would actually heal and love us. We have behaved in very unloving ways. We have chosen to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them. Our hearts are not placed in service to others, but rather in selfish motives. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants. AMEN**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Pastor: The waters of mercy and healing are poured over you. God is loving and faithful to those who come to God. Come, seek the loving presence and be healed. AMEN.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For then is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Pastor: And now, as reconciled and forgiven people of God, let’s pass the peace of Christ with each other**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Bob Briere

**GLORIA PATRI**

UMH #71

Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

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

Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?” “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers.

They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

**Reader:** This is the Word of God for people of God

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

“The woman at the well”

Pastor Sabina

**HYMN****“Standing on the Promises”**

Hymnal #374

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,  
 through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
 glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
 standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,  
 standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
 standing, standing,  
 I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
 when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
 by the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
 standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,  
 standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
 standing, standing,  
 I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
 bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
 overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
 standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,  
 standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
 standing, standing,  
 I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
 listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
 resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
 standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,  
 standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
 standing, standing,  
 I'm standing on the promises of God.

## **RESPONDING TO GOD WITH OUR GIFTS & TITHES**

### **OFFERTORY**

Pastor: As forgiven and reconciled people, Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

**Special Music during offering**

**Bob Briere**

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

**UMH #95**

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 THANKSGIVING**

**All: Bountiful God, you have lavished your finest gifts on each one of us. We thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed our lives--with love, hope, friends, our church, and so many other things that we cherish. Help us be a blessing for others--that they may come to know you and rejoice in your love. Give us hearts of courage and confidence to step out into the world in service, bringing hope where there is doubt, peace where there is strife, love where there is discord. These things we pray in Jesus' Name, AMEN.**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“Rejoice, the Lord is King”**

**Hymnal #716**

Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
 Your Lord and King adore!  
 Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
 And triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He has purged our stains,  
He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord and judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**\*THE BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH (BENEDICTION)**

**\*GATHERING TO SING**

**“God Be with You till We Meet Again”**

Hymnal #672

God be with you till we meet again;  
by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again



## Week of August 10, 2020

Confidential Prayer requests should be sent to  
Pastor Sabina at  
pastorsabinaterrades@gmail.com

FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, its  
member and mission

For those who seek God or a deeper  
knowledge of Him

FOR THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,  
its members and its mission

FOR THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF SOUTHBRIDGE, its members  
and its mission.

For **Freddy Sutter**, as he continues to  
celebrate his baptism and starts a new life in  
Christ.

For **Brandin Bauer**, as he prepares for their  
baptisms.

For **Gayle** as she prepares to renew her  
baptismal vows and become a member of the  
church.

FOR THE WELFARE OF THE WORLD

For peace, justice, goodwill among nations,  
the well-being of all people, our nation, and  
all in authority.

For justice for people of all races and nations.

For peace on our nation's streets

For those serving in the armed forces.

For all those affected by the Covid 19  
pandemic: those who are sick, the families of  
those who have died, those who lost their jobs,  
those who feel depressed and afraid, all the  
personnel in the front lines (for their safety  
and sacrifice), for the world governments  
dealing with what is needed (for wisdom and  
discernment).

FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER, or are in need  
or trouble

For the poor, the sick, the addicts, people  
suffering from mental or physical illness, the  
homeless, the refugees, the unemployed, the  
shut-ins, the hungry, the oppressed and those  
in prison.

For the families of the departed.

For our homeless and needy ministry:

Housing, employment, clothes and food.  
For racism and violence to end in our country  
and the world  
For our shut-ins: **Dick Harwood** and **Phyllis  
Olszta**.

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

- \* Viewpoint Church for catering our Monday  
free meals.
- \* The **Charlton City Methodist Church**  
Bread Ministry for their donations.
- \* Worcester Fellowship volunteers for their  
donations of money, gift cards, cooked  
meals and food supplies.
- \* Our volunteers.



Office Hours:  
By appointment

**Our August newsletter is ready! Don't  
forget to pick up a copy!**

**Free suppers**

On Mondays and Friday, 5pm. **Grab n' Go  
meals only.**

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Sunday:** 10am: Worship service live on  
Facebook and at the church (outdoors weather  
-permitting, inside if rain)

**Monday:** 3:30pm: Story Time with Pastor  
Sabina live on Facebook

**Wednesday:** 3:30pm: Coffee with the Pastor  
at the church

**Thursday:** 3:30pm: Online devotional with  
Pastor Sabina

**HEALTH CONCERNS:**

Please wear your masks and respect social  
distancing!!

