

**Bolton United Church – Sunday Worship**  
**September 27, 2020**

**Prelude:**

**Introit:** 396 VU, Jesus Stands Among Us Verse 1.

**Welcome:** Grace & Peace to You from our Lord Jesus Christ

**Announcements:** Please note: **we will not** be having lay readers, **singing by the congregation, handshakes and or hugs at our welcoming time.** Offering plates will be left at the front and the back of the church for your use, upon entering or leaving the service. You are invited to sign up for PAR, or online donations (**details are the website, follow the link**). Hymn books and Pew Bibles have been removed from the pews and no bulletins will be provided. We will rely only on the PowerPoint screen. Communion will be available, served to you in your pew, by gloved and masked servers.

**Acknowledging the Land**

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinaabe peoples, on whose land and by whose waters we gather. We acknowledge their stewardship as we worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

Hymn: VU 593: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

**The Call to Worship:**

There is water for all, come drink at the well  
Living water, precious gift! Come, drink at the well  
Living water, precious gift!  
Offered to all.

**Opening Prayer & Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Most Holy and Loving God during this time of COVID19, we gather this day to reflect upon your gift of water to your peoples. Water is life giving, offered freely to all; water for handwashing, and for keeping us clean and safe. Jesus entered the scene and said come, drink this water that I offer it's life giving". We are called to reflect and remember how precious your gift of Living water is to us. Yet there are times when we have failed to see water as a gift. We have placed a price on it, and it is no longer available to all. There are many who languish at wells where there is no water. They wait in lamentations as they hope and pray that the rains will fall again. (silence)**

**Assurance of Hope:**

Our God promises us bread for the journey,  
Water for the wilderness, unending love, and life-giving forgiveness.

**Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!** \* Adapted from Gathering Summer Autumn 2011.

Anthem: Sing Ye Joyfully by Don Besig

**We Listen for God's Word:**

**Scripture:** John 4:1-15 New International Version

**4** Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— <sup>2</sup>although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. <sup>4</sup>Now he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)  
<sup>9</sup>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.<sup>[a]</sup>) <sup>10</sup>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.”  
<sup>11</sup>“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?” <sup>12</sup>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?” <sup>13</sup>Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>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.” <sup>15</sup>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.”

Hymn: MV 4: All Who Are Thirsty

**Reflection**

**Reverend Eleanor**

**The Response**

**Blessing of the Offerings & Gifts:**

**Offertory Prayer (unison)**

**Generous giver: we come today in awe as we offer our gifts of self and money. We are mindful of the many that have no clean water. We present these our gifts in honour of your generosity to all peoples. Bless us and these gifts, that we may be ready and willing to share from our bounty to help make this community and world a much better place. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People:**

**The Sending Forth**

**Hymn: Jesus Loves Me (contemporary version)**

**Commissioning & Benediction:**

May the Light of God’s love transform us, may the Spirit of God’s voice be a source of strength. May the wonder of God’s awareness lighten our path, may the courage of Jesus our sibling be with us today and always and may the promise God’s assurance encircle us today and always. Amen!

**Choral Closing:** VU 481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing VERSE 1

**Postlude:**