



Welcome to Worship

Rev. David Fleming

Stewardship Video – “Reaching Out in Love”

Children’s Sermon

Shari Coston

Scripture Reading – John 4:5-30, 39-42

Linda Palmer

(Jesus) came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink’. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?’ (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 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.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?’ Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to

eternal life.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.’

Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come back.’ The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, “I have no husband”; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ They left the city and were on their way to him.

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

Act of Praise – “O, How I Love Jesus”

Jennifer Evans, Mary Tom Taylor, and Nora Phillips (vocals)
Tommy Phillips, Terry McLarty, Mac Bellingrath (band)

Sermon – “Our Mission: Reaching Out in Love”

Rev. Fleming

Choral Commissioning – “Go and Shine God’s Light”

Chancel Choir Ensemble

The flowers in our chancel are given to the glory of God in celebration of our 5th wedding anniversary and with gratitude to God for directing our paths so we could find each other by Rebecca & Carl Welday.

Please Register Your Attendance

Please use the following link to let us know you were watching:

<http://tiny.cc/gx39nz>. Prayer requests, questions, and comments may also be communicated confidentially using this form.

Ways to Give

Your continued support means that we remain spiritually connected even during this time of social distancing. We are offering opportunities for worship and study online as well as cooked meals and groceries for those in need. You may give in any of the following ways:

- Online at gaumch.org. Click on “Support Our Ministry” or use the following link: <http://tiny.cc/ya39nz>
- By mail, sending your check to 841 Quapaw Ave. / Hot Springs, AR 71901
- By bringing a donation of money or food to the church office (841 Quapaw Ave.) Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon or 1:00-5:00 p.m.

NEW Bible Study: “Anxious for Nothing” by Max Lucado Led by Pastor David Fleming and Karla Hefty

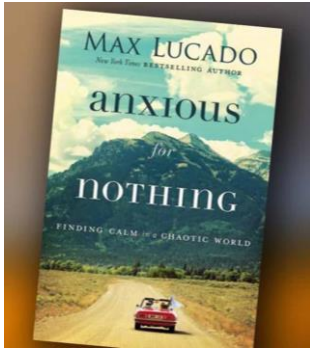
In Person — Tuesdays, Oct 19– Nov 16 @ 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

-or-

Online — Tuesdays, Oct 19– Nov 16 @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Call the church office 501-623-5626 to sign up for
either in-person or online class

Study guides are available in the church office for \$10



Americans are the most anxious people in the world. We take the most medication for it, see doctors to treat it, and spend fortunes trying to relieve it. How have we let our fears get the better of us? In *Anxious for Nothing*, Max Lucado leads readers to reflect on the promises of Philippians 4:4-8. This passage from Paul's epistle contains an antidote to anxiety that will help you develop a mindset of resilience. Rediscover the power of prayer and take control of your thoughts. You can rest in "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding."

Feed the Need – Our Outreach Ministry is collecting macaroni & cheese for the month of October. Place gifts in kind in baskets near the Sanctuary and Church Office, or make a donation by marking your check “for Outreach.”

Strivers / Victory Sunday School Class

The Strivers and Victory Sunday School Class record their lesson from the “Adult Bible Study” series each week; lessons are subsequently made available online. Andy Calloway’s teaching on “The Church as One Body” was enlightening. Based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, it served the purpose of letting Paul “guide us in celebrating and sharing the unique gifts God has given each of us in building up Christ's body. Andy’s lesson is here: <https://youtu.be/fU3L6-AK-9k>

For those who would like to know more, our publisher has also produced an excellent introduction. In this week’s video, host Brian Sigmon reminds us that it takes each of us, working together, to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. And we have to believe in one another enough to give ourselves fully to the work, trusting that our small part will work together with the many small parts of those around us, all bearing witness to our one Lord and serving out of the one Spirit. You will find the link to the video here: <https://tinyurl.com/u7f8b3hx>

New! Masks are OPTIONAL! The COVID Dashboard for the Arkansas Conference has turned "yellow" for Garland County. Masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated. See below for details on our policy.

PLEASE NOTE: We are using the COVID Dashboard on our Conference website to determine our mask-wearing protocol. You may monitor the site at <https://arumc.org/covid19/dashboard/> In the box labeled “Please select your county” enter “Garland” and press “Enter.” If the box in the result is red, we are experiencing a surge and everyone attending in-person worship will be required to wear a mask; if the box is yellow, mask wearing will be optional for those who are fully vaccinated. Those who are not fully vaccinated must wear masks at all times and practice social distancing.

The church office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:00 a.m. until noon. Phone (501) 623-5626; email grand.avenue@sbcglobal.net.



**Grand Avenue
Commitment Sunday**
Sunday, October 24, 2021

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Rev. Ann Ferris

**Southwest District Superintendent
will be our guest preacher**

**Pick Up a Box Lunch following the 10:45 service
Enjoy fish and chicken and all the trimmings
catered by**

Bubba's Catfish

**Don't forget to get your gift for
turning in your Commitment Card**

Reserve your lunch by contacting
the church office, 501-623-5626