

First CRC Fulton  
May 22, 2022  
John 4:7-42 & 1 John 1:9  
Bulletin/Leader

## **We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** Who You Say I Am

**Welcome:** Pastor Michael

**Announcements:** Pastor Michael

**Call To Worship:** Pastor Michael

**God's Greeting:** Pastor Michael

**Mutual Greeting**

## **Worship Through Song:**

Amazing Grace

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Pass Me Not

**Reading:** Taken from 1 John 1:8-9

Leader: God's Word assures us:

**All: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

Leader: If we confess our sins,

**All: He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader: In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

**Congregational Prayer:** Pastor Michael

**Worship Through Song:**

How Deep The Father's Love

The Power of Your Love

Just As I am

**We Prepare For & Hear God's Word**

**Today's Scriptures:** John 4:7-42

*<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>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.”

<sup>16</sup>He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

<sup>17</sup>“I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her,

“You are right when you say you have no husband.<sup>18</sup> 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.”<sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet.<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”<sup>21</sup> “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.<sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup> 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.<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

<sup>27</sup>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?”

<sup>28</sup>Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup>“Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” <sup>30</sup>They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” <sup>33</sup>Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?” <sup>34</sup>“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. <sup>35</sup>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.

<sup>36</sup>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. <sup>37</sup>Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. <sup>38</sup>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.”

<sup>39</sup>Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. <sup>41</sup>And because of his words many more became believers. <sup>42</sup>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.”*

1 John 1:9

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

**Sermon:** Emotions: Guilt & Shame - Pastor Michael  
Prayer

## **WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING**

Parting Song: Grace Greater than all our Sin

Blessing: Pastor Michael

### **Announcements**

**Today**, we are planning on having a special congregational meeting. The finance and building team are bringing a proposal for a parking lot repaving.

**"Help Wanted:."** "It has been my pleasure to change the 14th Avenue sign for the last few years, but I am looking to retire and focus on other programs in church. If you are interested or willing to take over, please let me know.  
-Stacy"

**Blood Drive:** First CRC will be hosting their semi-annual Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 25th from 2:30 – 6 p.m. Masks and appointments are required. To

schedule an appointment, please contact Amy Dykstra at 563-357-8555 or go online to [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org) Use group code #2371. Last date to donate elsewhere was 3/30/22. Thank you for saving lives!

**Youth Group** - We will meet this Sunday, May 22 at First CRC from 5:30 - 8:00. We will have snacks. We will be talking about the SERVE theme GRATEFUL (Be Joyful, Be Prayerful, Be Thankful). See you there :)

Remember in prayer our members in care facilities and those that are homebound: Dorothy B, Jeanette B, Carroll E, John S, Betty S, Mark S, Albert W

### **Deacons News**

Please place your offerings in the plates located on the back table.

5/15/22

General Fund-\$1,019.00

Faith Promise: \$106.00

Offerings Today: General Fund-Youth Group

Offerings Next Sunday: General Fund-Benevolent Society

### **Community News**

**Food Pantry:** This is our scheduled week for donating items to the Fulton Food Pantry. This month the suggested donation is toilet paper.

**Spring Valley Reformed Church**, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton, IL, welcomes Sacred Call Ministries to our outdoor stage on Memorial Day, Monday May 30th @ 6PM. Please join us in the valley for an evening of music and ministry. A free will offering will be taken. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors. We are back to our traditional meal. BBQ, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans and of course Desserts. Food will be served from 4:30PM until the concert starts at 6:00PM. The cost of the meal will be a donation. As a ministry, Sacred Call is committed to preserving the rich heritage of Southern Gospel Music and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through a mix of classic, southern, country and slightly newer gospel music songs.

**Weekly Calendar**

Sunday, May 22	Sunday Worship Special Congregation Meeting Kid's Club Youth Group	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, May 25	Blood Drive	2:30-6 p.m.
Thursday, May 26	Elders' Meeting Council Meeting	6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.

**Today**

**Next Sunday**

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