

Worship in spirit and truth

What is Spirit and what is Truth
but metaphor for Creation?

Whose Spirit?

Whose Truth?

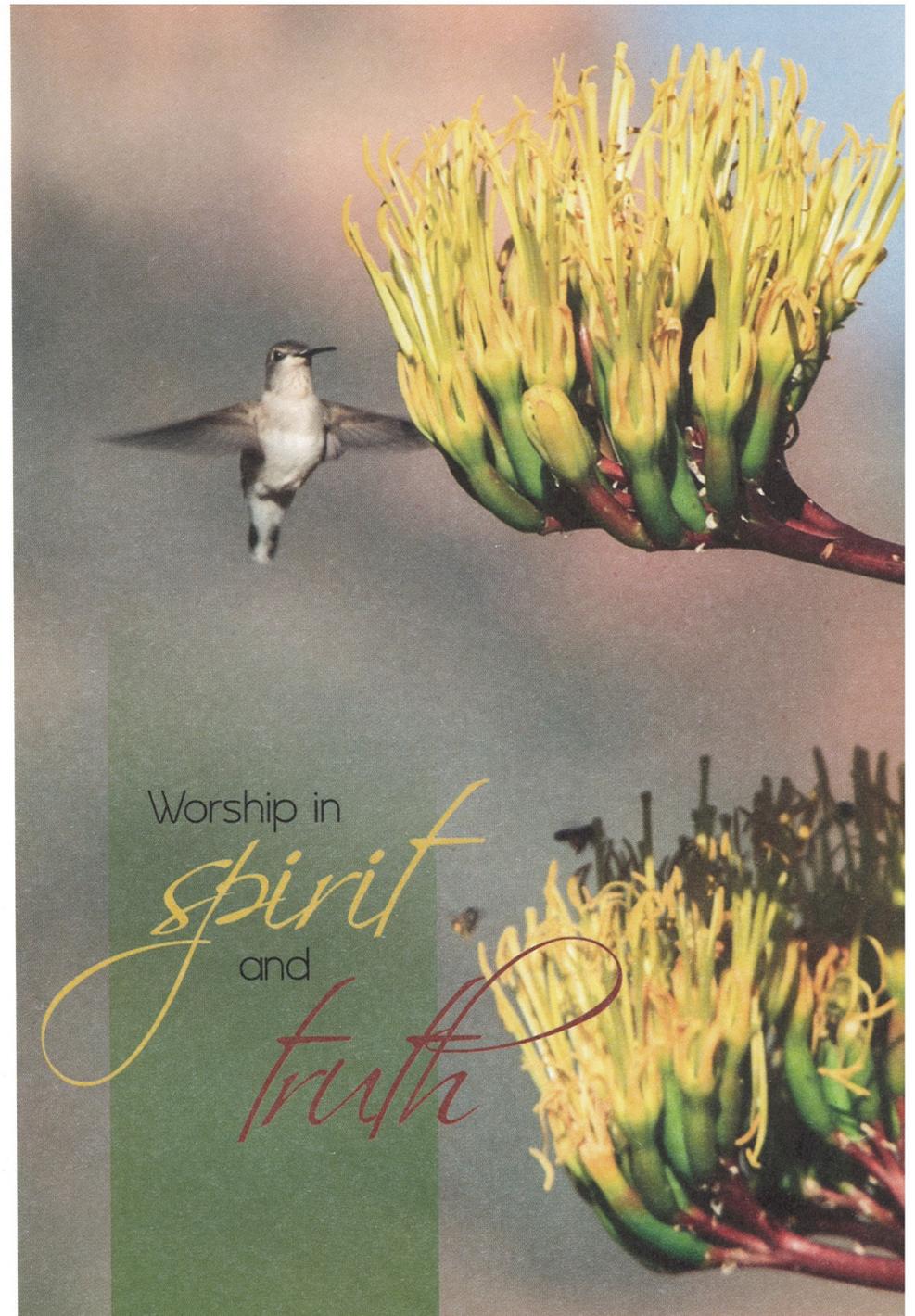
There is but one deduction
when nose-to-beak with hummingbirds
God alone.

Accomplished, yes!
Though we
cannot backwards fly
nor flap our arms in blurred succession
to guide our pollinating mission
Would we risk migration to holy ground
were we so small?
Our hover, both praise and invitation.

—Ken Frantz
Fleming, Colorado

Text for today: God is spirit, and those who worship him must *worship in spirit and truth*" (John 4:24, *NRSVue*). **Bible readings for today:** Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; *John 4:5-42 (24)*.

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SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND HOPES

Please remember our worship is also on Facebook Live and our website.

Please do not share any personal information you do not want to be made public.

An usher will hold the microphone for you while you share.

TEMPLE CHOIR ANTHEM “Create In Me a Clean Heart” (Arr. Rhodes)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 self-serving motives. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants. Amen.

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING John 4:5-42 NT 94

So he 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 worshiped 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 worshipers 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. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” 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 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 Savior of the world.”

MESSAGE

“Through Jesus’ Eyes”

Pastor Twyla Rowe

***HYMN #516**

“Just as I am, without one plea”

[Verse 1]

*Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou
bid’st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

[Verse 2]

*Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of ev’ry blot, to thee whose blood can
cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

[Verse 3]

*Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings
and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

[Verse 4]

*Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I
need in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

[Verse 5]

*Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve, because thy
promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

[Verse 6]

*Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken ev’ry barrier down. Now, to be thine,
yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

***BENEDICTION**

After the Benediction, you may be seated.

Please continue in a spirit of worship as we listen to the Postlude music.

POSTLUDE

“Hear My Cry, O God”

(Callender)

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\*Please rise — in body or spirit — as an act of worship  
Thank you for joining us in worship today.

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