Icebreaker:
Do you have a favorite “watering hole” where you like to hang out?

Read this week’s scripture and discuss:
1. In what sense was it “necessary” for Jesus to go through Samaria (John 4:4-5)?
2. Jesus stops at the well because he is physically tired (John 4:6). Is it strange to think about Jesus growing weary?
3. The woman in John 4 goes to the well for her daily chore of fetching water. Instead, she meets Jesus. Have you experienced times when you were going about your daily routine and unexpectedly encountered Jesus?
4. Jesus crossed barriers and chose to engage in conversation with one who was very different than him and whose views (e.g. where to worship) were at odds. How easy is it for you to seek after someone different from you, or with differing views, and engage in meaningful conversation?
5. Jesus says that true worshipers worship the Father in spirit and truth. Reading again verses 21-24, what do you think Jesus means to worship in spirit and in truth? What could that mean for our worship today?
6. Why do you think this woman’s witness was so effective? Does this give us a different perspective about how we might be witnesses to others about who Jesus is?
7. Back on January 5 in worship, we asked: How will you thirst for God this year? Reading this week about Jesus and the Samaritan woman, we ask: What are you thirsting for most in life right now?

prayer requests
> Prayers of healing for Adrienne Bough and Theresa Beardsley.
> Prayers of comfort for Don Paterson and family in the death of his wife Star and for Jenny and Phil Isenbarger and family in the death of Jenny’s father.