

**Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship**

Palm Sunday | March 28, 2021

Liturgist: Rob Chaplin | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis | Lead Musician: Scott Finch

Meditation: Daniel 7:9-14

As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Call to Worship: Psalm 24

L: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

ALL: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

L: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

ALL: He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

L: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

ALL: Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

L: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

ALL: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor | 235

1. All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One

2. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present:
to thee, before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

3. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Pastoral Prayer Followed by The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Testimony of God's Grace in Community

Song Preparation: Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder | 172

1. Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
he has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

3. Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown:
he who washed us with his blood Soon will bring us home to God.

4. Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

5. Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God!"

Sermon: "Freedom"

Word: John 4:7-42

7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 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." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know,

for salvation is from the Jews. **23** But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. **24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” **25** The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” **26** Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” **27** Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” **28** So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, **29** “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” **30** They went out of the town and were coming to him. **31** Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” **32** But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” **33** So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” **34** Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. **35** Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. **36** Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. **37** For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ **38** I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” **39** Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” **40** So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. **41** And many more believed because of his word. **42** 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 indeed the Savior of the world.”

Questions for Reflection

1. Read John 3:1-21 and John 4:1-45. Compare and contrast the situation and how Jesus deals with both individuals.
2. As you read the text, it is clear that the woman of Sychar is in bondage to sin. In what ways do you see this coming out in the passage? (cultural, spiritual, emotional etc.)
3. How does Jesus go about setting her free from the bondage of sin?
4. Based on vs. 16-18 it is clear that her sexual sins are keeping her in bondage, how has the sin of sexual temptation kept our society in bondage?
5. How has sexual temptation kept you and others around you in bondage?
6. Read vs. 19-42 and talk through what freedom in Christ looks like for you and others in your life.
7. The message of freedom from the bondage of sexual sin, and sin in general, is a message desperately needed in our world today. Based on this passage, how can we share this message with our family and friends?

Song of Approach: Christ We Do All Adore Thee | 737

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.
For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever. *Interlude*
Christ, we do all adore thee!

Communion

The Gathering of Offerings & Sending Hymn: Praise the Savior Now and Ever | 243

1. Praise the Savior now and ever; praise him, all beneath the skies;
prostrate lying, suffering, dying on the cross, a sacrifice.
Victory gaining, life obtaining, now in glory he doth rise.
2. Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth; he is all our righteousness;
he, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.
3. Sin's bonds severed; we're delivered; Christ has bruised the serpent's head;
death no longer is the stronger; hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death's prison; o'er the tomb he light has shed.
4. For his favor, praise forever unto God the Father sing;
praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit he doth us salvation bring.

Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever... *so that all the peoples will say...*

ALL: Amen. Our LORD is faithful. Praise the LORD!

Vision

To see lives transformed
through following Jesus.

Mission

Making disciples
through worship,
fellowship &
service.



Values

Worship,
Word,
Compassion &
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