

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
April 18, 2021

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Meditation: Mark 5:14-20

The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

Call To Worship: Psalm 25:10-15

L: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

ALL: For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

L: Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

ALL: His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land.

L: The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

ALL: My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners | 498

1. Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: Hallelujah! What a savior! Hallelujah! What a friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

2. Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my victory wins. (*Refrain*)

3. Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. (*Refrain*)

4. Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry. (*Refrain*)

5. Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
he has granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. (*Refrain*)

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.

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

L: Our Father, we confess that we have often been ungrateful for all that you have provided. We find ourselves complaining and whining about your providence.

ALL: We also have frequently found ourselves valuing the things of this world more than your ordained means of grace.

L: We are sometimes surprised with the fatigue we feel because our energies have been expended on our own agenda rather than the calling you have placed on our lives.

ALL: Forgive us for feeling indifferent to your Holy Spirit's leading and too distracted to heed His voice. We repent of our unfocused minds, our distracted hearts and our unbridled passions.

L: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us so that we may be propelled to deep-seated gratitude.

(time of silent confession)

L: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

ALL: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Song of Preparation: How Great is Our God

1. The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty. Let all the Earth rejoice, all the Earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

Refrain: How great is our God! Sing with me, how great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God.

2. Age to age he stands and time is in his hands: beginning and the end, beginning and end.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son. The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *(Refrain)*

Bridge: Name above all names! Worthy of our praise! My heart will sing, how great is our God!
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Sermon: "The Emptiness of Not Loving"

Word: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. **3** If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. **4** Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant **5** or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; **6** it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. **7** Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Questions for Reflection: (Read 1 Corinthians 12-14)

1. Why do you think Paul put his comments on love in between his discussion about spiritual gifts?
2. How many times does Paul emphasize the emptiness of spiritual action without love (cf. 1 Cor. 13:1-3)? What is significant about that number?
3. Outline from 1 Corinthians 13 the way Paul describes love: what is love versus what love is not.
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. While you are reading, substitute the word love with your name. Are these things true of you? Does this standard seem impossible when applied to you?
5. Now, substitute Jesus' name for love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Has Jesus met that standard?
6. If replacing love with your name in this passage leaves you feeling crushed, how does replacing Jesus' name in this passage leave you feeling?
7. How does union with Christ (the fact that we are joined to Jesus as a result of repentance and faith) give us hope that we can love the way Christ loved (Gal. 2:20)?

Song of Approach: Spirit of the Living God | 726

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. *(Repeat)*

Communion

The Gathering of Offering & The Sending Hymn: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms | 616

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *(Refrain)*

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *(Refrain)*

Benediction: Philippians 4:7

L: May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus... *so that all the peoples will say...*

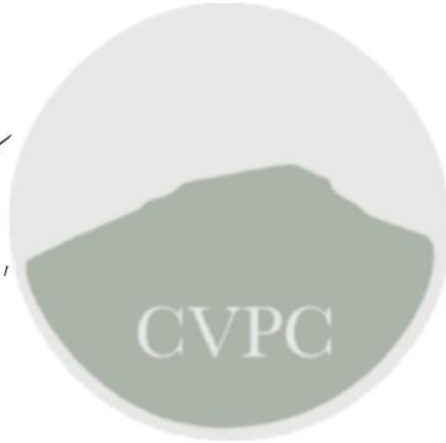
ALL: Amen. Our LORD is faithful. Praise the LORD!

Vision

To see lives transformed
through following Jesus.

Mission

Making disciples
through worship,
fellowship &
service.



Values

Worship,
Word,
Compassion &
Community

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