

November 1st Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Love the Lord, all you his saints.,

People: The Lord preserves the faithful,

Pastor: Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

People: All you who wait for the Lord.

Opening Hymn #52 *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

All Saints Day

Scripture: John 4:1-42 NT page 94

Sermon: Men and Women of the Bible: Woman at the Well

Time of Prayer (*Note: For now, we will not be asking for spoken joys and concerns. Please text them, send them by Facebook messenger, or leave them on the pulpit.*)

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, forever.

Amen.

Communion

Closing Hymn #745 *"Jesus Shall Reign"*

Offering Reminder (*online giving is available at www.cedarvilleunited.org*)

Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

#1: JESUS SPEAKS TO THE WOMAN (VV 1-9)

- The moment Jesus began his conversation with this woman, he created a scandal.
- Samaritans had inter-married, and as a result they were racially and religiously mixed. This was forbidden in the Jewish culture.
- A rabbi would not speak with a woman in public, but Jesus initiated a conversation with this woman. Normally, people scorned and despised her, even in her own village.

#2: JESUS REVEALS WHO HE IS (VV 10-26)

- How often do we have the free gift of Living Water right in front of us yet we continue to throw the bucket down the well anyway? How often do we eat the Bread of Life and drink the Living Water, and how often do we strain and stress and haul up our own bucket of water and say, “Back off, God, I can do this myself?”
- This woman was living the way she wanted to, with no reverence for the Lord. How often do we live according to what pleases us, and how often do we come to Jesus?

#3: THE DISCIPLES RETURN (VV 27-38)

- The woman scurried away to tell the townspeople who she had been talking to. Could this be the Messiah? And her testimony was enough to make the villagers curious enough to come see for themselves.
- What are we doing right now to reach out to friends, neighbors, and coworkers who do not know Jesus?

#4: THE POWER OF TESTIMONY (VV 39-42)

- People don't believe because of what we say about ourselves. They believe because of what we say about Jesus. The woman said, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done.” She was speaking about him, what he can do.
- Evangelism is two-fold...first, there is an element of our testimony. What has God done in our life? What difference does it make that you follow Jesus? But second, it's about Jesus. Salvation does not come from our word, but the word of God. If we do not share the gospel along with our own testimony of what Jesus has done for us—if we don't tell others about the cross—then it's incomplete.

FOR US TODAY

- What does it mean for Jesus to be your Lord and Savior? When someone looks at your life, how much “Jesus” do they see shining through in your words and actions?
- What scriptures illustrate your own journey?
- In the original Greek, the Great Commission says, “As you go, make disciples,” not “Go and make disciples.” As we go...to the grocery store. As we go to our friend's house. As we go to work. As we greet our customer. As we work with people in the community...make disciples.

Opening Hymn #52 *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”*

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule by day;
the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.

Closing Hymn #745 *“Jesus Shall Reign”*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blessed.

Let all the people rise and bring their special honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again and earth repeat the loud Amen.