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SUNDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2020

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TO
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Prelude | *Contrastes* —Denis Bédard
I. Aria II. Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

All: We come here to draw water—Thirsty for new life.

We come here to draw water—Bringing our past and our present,
our messy truths and our deepest scars.

We come here to draw water—Carrying shame, and in need of grace.
Fortunately for us, God always meets us at the well.

So breathe deeply and drink up. God is here.

The water is clean. Let us worship God.

Hymn | #324 “For All The Faithful Women”



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the



days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her



all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Confession

One: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins together:

All: Like the woman at the well, we so often are unraveled by shame.
We carry shame for broken relationships.
We carry shame for being unable to balance work and parenting,
tithing and bills, productivity and Sabbath.
We get stuck in a comparison game and in critical self-monologues,
consumed with the nagging feeling that we should be able to do more.
Forgive us for forgetting that we are made in your image.
Forgive us for forgetting that you see us and love us as we are.
Unravel the shame that unravels us. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you. **All:** And also with you.

One: Let us share signs of peace with one another.

Worshiping With Our Children

Prayer for Illumination

One: Holy One, true and living God, through the message of the gospel and the power of your Spirit make us imitators of the Lord: Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

Scripture Reading | John 4:1-29

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” —although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized— he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. 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?”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon | Sermon Series: *Unraveled: Seeking God When Our Plans Fall Apart*
Week 6: “Unraveled Shame” —Rev. Cader Howard

THE SAMARITAN AT THE WELL

From the artist: HANNAH GARRITY

Why are you asking me? As a woman in a patriarchal society, I have been faced with subordination throughout my life. I mostly do not feel it. I have learned self control from a young age and I have been taught to appreciate what I have. These skills are the reasons that I have the extensive happiness and comfort that I enjoy on a daily basis. However, the patriarchy still exists. Along with the external blocks, the glass ceilings, I am finding that I stand in my own way, too. Despite the tireless efforts of my parents to teach us of a world of equality and opportunity, I have still imbibed the societal belief that I, as a woman, am lesser; that my skills do not measure up, that my salary should not be equal or more, that I work too much, that I spend too little time with my children, or that I will not succeed at the next challenge. None of these things are true, and yet I throw the roadblocks of patriarchy before myself anyway. The woman at the well had multiple levels of societal oppression standing like a wall between Jesus and her. She was not of the same race or gender as he, and she was unwed, unprotected. I can understand why she questioned God’s call for water. Why would he address her as an equal? Are you asking me? Are you sure you meant to do that? Are you sure that I measure up?



You Ask of Me? | Hannah Garrity

Special Music | *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* —William Bradley Roberts, arr. K. Lee Scott

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care;
in your pleasant pastures feed us for our use your folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! you have bought us, yours we are.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! You have bought us, yours we are.*

*Early let us seek your favor, early let us learn your will;
do Lord, our only Savior, with your love our bosoms fill.*

Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! You have loved us; love us still.

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Our Response to God's Generosity

Offertory | *Contrastes* —Denis Bédard
IV. Oraison (Meditation)

Prayers of the People | **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.

Closing Hymn | #776 "O God, Be Gracious" —Verses 1-4



1 O God, be gra - cious; hear my prayer, and
2 How long, O God, will li - ars boast while
3 When ter - ror wakes me from my dreams and
4 Some fear that you will not pro - vide; they



an - swer when I cry. You give me hope in
I am smeared with shame? Come, set your faith - ful
shakes me through and through, teach me to pray with
cry, "Show us your face!" But you have sat - is -



my dis - tress; you will not pass me by.
ser - vant free; I call up - on your name!
con - fi - dence and put my trust in you.
fied my heart with good - ness, joy, and grace.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude | *Contrastes* —Denis Bédard
VI. Tarantelle

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher—Rev. Cader Howard

Liturgist —Cheryl Kocian

Cantor—Julie James

Organist— Dr. Laura Edman

Director of Music — Dr. Allan Kellar

AV Tech—Isaac Howard

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UNRAVELED: SEEKING GOD WHEN OUR PLANS FALL APART

Fall 2020 Sermon Series

What happens when our world falls apart? How do we press onward when our tightly-knit plans unravel into loose threads? What do we become when our identity—or the path we're on—comes undone?

In our unraveling, sometimes life surprises us with unexpected joy, love, and hope—
with a new beginning we couldn't have imagined.

Join us for this 10-week sermon series from Pastor Cader Howard.

Coming Sunday, October 25th: "When the Unimaginable Has Happened" — John 20:19-29



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Come just as you are and join us as we seek to follow Jesus as creators of justice, joy, compassion, and peace. You have a place set at the table, and we await you with joy!



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