

June 21st Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: For the word of the Lord is upright,

People: And all his work is done in faithfulness.

Pastor: He loves righteousness and justice;

People: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Opening Hymn – #5 (lyrics will be on Facebook Live screen)

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8-12

Sermon Notes

- Introduction
 - Today we talk about peace. Specifically, seek peace and pursue it.
 - It sounds almost like a hidden treasure we have to go digging for.
 - Questions: “How do we even know where to begin looking? Do I pray for peace? Do I pray against strife? How do we seek peace?”
- Fruit of the Spirit (from illustration)
 - A sponge absorbs whatever it is immersed in.
 - Ask yourself honestly, “what am I full of?”
 - Like a sponge, your life will become saturated with whatever you immerse it in. And just like a sponge, when it is squeezed, what's on the inside pours out.
- Background of Passage
 - How to live in a hostile pagan culture: Christianity is new - letter written in about 64AD
 - Nero, Roman emperor, began severely persecuting the church.
 - Could you imagine suffering at the hands of those who were your friends?
 - When they were squeezed (persecuted), how would they respond?
- For Us Today
 - Plenty that leaves us feeling anxious.
 - What we immerse ourselves in...that's what will become of primary importance.
 - What comes out of our spirits when we are squeezed?
 - The way to seek peace is to saturate ourselves with the Word and prayer.

Time of Prayer

(Note: For now, we will NOT be asking for spoken joys and concerns during the service. If you have prayer requests, please send them via Facebook Messenger or text. Also, only first names will be mentioned and medical conditions will be kept vague to protect privacy.)

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 – #128 (lyrics will be on Facebook Live screen)
“*Praise the Name of Jesus*”

Offering Reminder

Offering plates are around the sanctuary near each entrance and online giving is available at www.cedarvilleunited.org

Benediction**Postlude**

Monday

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:12-17)

Tuesday

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:1-8)

Wednesday

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. (Eph 6:10-18)

Thursday

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another. (Galatians 5:16-26)

Friday

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:19-25)

Saturday

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. (James 3:13-18)