

June 7th Bulletin

Announcements...

- Online giving available at www.cedarvilleunited.org
- Hopeful reopening date: June 21st at 9:30am (congregational letter coming)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Hymn – #72 *To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory, great things he hath done, so loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,

and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

but purer, and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Scripture: Romans 8:28-39

Sermon Notes: Fruit of the Spirit—Love

- This summer, sermon and Bible study series...
 - Fruit of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22-25: *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”*
 - Bible studies will be the same theme for the week, different passage
- We’re going to look at each of these individually, and talk about how to cultivate those more, regardless of our circumstances...
- We will have our eyes opened to areas where we aren’t quite as godly as we think, we can work on uprooting behaviors that aren’t consistent with God’s will, and we can learn how to trust God more so that this good fruit can grow in our lives.
- Too often, we look at the love we give to one another on earth, and we assume that this is how God loves.
- Nothing can separate us from God’s love—He loves us in our nastiest moments, and He loves us in our bright shining moments. He does not always approve of our behavior, but He approves of us...created in His image. It is only when we grasp this truth that we can love others—God, our neighbors, and even our enemies.
- Love God...because we know that this is the One who created us, redeemed us, and sustains us, we can trust that our love will be returned purely and not with the rejection and anger and hatred that we sometimes get when we love each other here on earth. From Matthew, Mark, and Luke, “Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, mind, soul, and strength.”
- Love our neighbor...when we feel secure in God’s love, we don’t feel the need to grasp it from other people. When we know that God loves us and will never leave us, we don’t need to shy away from loving others, either.
- Love our enemy...this one is the hardest. What about the people who have made our lives miserable, caused us harm, and could absolutely care less? How do we do it?. Begin to pray for the person you’d rather persecute. Actively pray for God’s will to be done. Because when we hate someone, we give them a lot of control. We let their words raise our blood pressure. We let their actions make us feel depressed or angry. And we don’t want anyone controlling us but Jesus, who is our Lord.

Time of Prayer...feel free to text or email additions throughout the week

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.

Benediction