

August 15th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God

People: *And put a new and right spirit within me*

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation

People: *And sustain in me a willing spirit*

Opening Hymn #530 “*Be Still, My Soul*”

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.

He descended into hell. The third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Scripture: 2 Kings 13:14-19 OT page 345

Sermon: Strike the Ground!

Time of Prayer and 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 #721 “*Shine, Jesus, Shine*”

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

Charge and Blessing

Benediction #820 “*Amen*” Threefold Danish

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

INTRODUCTION

- Perseverance in our faith
- What does it mean to train in our faith?

BACKGROUND OF PASSAGE

- He followed the wrong examples (vv. 10–13)
- He made a wise decision (v. 14)
- He made a great mistake (vv. 15–19)

1 CORINTHIANS 9

- *²⁴ Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. ²⁵ Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one.*
- Training as a Christian involves self-discipline, perseverance, and embracing who we are in Christ. Prize is eternal life with Christ.

FOR US TODAY

- It doesn't have to mean lots of action
- What does it mean to strike the ground? Or run the race?
 - Bible reading?
 - Praying?
 - Confronting sin and repenting?
 - Embracing who we are in Christ?

Opening Hymn #530 "Be Still, My Soul"

Be still, my soul! The Lord is on your side: bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide; in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! Your best, your heavenly Friend thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul! Your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past;
your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Closing Hymn #721 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us:
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness:
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story:
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

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