

## October 24th 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 #530      *“Be Still, My Soul”*

## **Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession**

**Scripture:** Job 1:6-12      **OT page 453**

## Sermon: Satan Talks to God

## 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 #122**      *“Come Into His Presence”*

**Offering Reminder** (online giving is available at [www.cedaryvilleunited.org](http://www.cedaryvilleunited.org))

## Charge and Blessing

## **Benediction #306 Refrain**      *“Standing on the Promises”*

## Postlude

## Sermon Notes:

### INTRODUCTION

- Last week: Job and his family and Galatians 6
- This week: Satan talks to God – Job loves you because you bless him
- Next week Job refuses to curse God

### BACKGROUND OF PASSAGE

- Who are the “heavenly beings”?
- “Satan” means “adversary”
- God knew what Satan was doing
- Ever since Satan tempted Eve to eat the forbidden fruit, his goal has been to bring temptation and sin to us
- Satan wants to place temptation before Job to get him to curse God
- God allows Satan to tempt us—we are not puppets on a string. But we can resist temptation. We will not do this perfectly, but we can learn what tempts us and what doesn’t, and begin to stay away from things that do. *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.* James 4:7
- Poem by Portia Nelson
- Hard passage – why would a loving God do this?

### FOR US TODAY

- No matter what happened, Job refused to blame God for what happened
- This is where we often get stuck: we expect certain things because of our belief and we expect blessings despite our sinfulness
- We have to start from the premise that God doesn’t actually owe us anything
- He promises us many things, but He doesn’t owe us. When we see it that way – that God owes us nothing – it is easier for us to be grateful for what we have

### This week:

- Take an inventory – are there places I am bitter against God because He didn’t give me something I feel I deserved?
- Have I fallen into the trap of thinking God is a vending machine – if I put in the right combination of prayers and service, I should get what I want?
- Can I take time to repent of this, and show gratitude to God for what He has given me?

**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 bests, 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 wind 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 #122      "Come Into His Presence"**

Come into his presence singing, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Come into his presence singing, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.  
Come into his presence singing, Worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb.  
Come into his presence singing, Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God.

**Benediction #306 Refrain      "Standing on the Promises"**

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.