

November 7th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Our soul waits for the Lord;
People: He is our help and shield.
Pastor: Our heart is glad in him,
People: Because we trust in his holy name.

Opening Hymn #568 “*Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*”

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

All Saints Day: Holly Liming and Becky Gillaugh

Scripture: Job 2:11-13 OT page 454

Sermon: Job's Friends

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.

Communion

Closing Hymn #447 “*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*”

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

Charge and Blessing

Benediction #496 “*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*” one time straight through

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

INTRODUCTION

- Last week – how do we respond when bad things happen to us?
- This week – how do we respond to others when they are suffering?

WHAT JOB'S FRIENDS GOT RIGHT

- They came to him – they stopped what they were doing
- They empathized with him – wept aloud
- They sat with him – seven days and seven nights, not saying a word

WHAT JOB'S FRIENDS GOT WRONG

- The three men gave a series of speeches
- Eliphaz puts blame on Job. "Think now," he says, "who that was innocent ever perished? Or where were the upright cut off? As I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same." (Job 4:7-8)
- Bildad: "See, God will not reject a blameless person nor take the hand of evildoers." (Job 8:20)
- Zophar: "If iniquity is in your hand, put it far away, do not let wickedness reside in your tents. Surely then you will lift up your face without blemish; you will be secure, and will not fear....Your life will be brighter than the noonday." (Job 11:14-15, 17)
- Many inaccuracies, primarily involving why God allows people to suffer

HOW CAN WE MINISTER IN THE NAME OF JESUS?

- Last week – how do we respond when bad things happen to us? Is it a consequence of our sin? Cause and effect? Is it an attack from the enemy? We are all subject to attack because we are Christians. Is it a consequence of the Fall – things are not perfect?
- This week – how do we respond to others when they are suffering? When we are aware of a friend who is hurting, we can go to the person, mourn with him, and spend time with them.
- And our words can be comforting...if we are careful what we say
- Job 16:1 – Job called his friends "miserable comforters"

Scriptures on comfort:

- Galatians 6 – *My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.* Even if we do need to help restore someone, it is with gentleness
- Ephesians 4:1ff – *I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*
- Ephesians 4:31 – *Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted...*

Opening Hymn #568 *“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”*

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love, at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee;
take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King, always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for thee; take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold, not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

Closing Hymn #447 *“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, Alleluia!

Benediction #496 *“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”* one time straight through

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say “I am strong”; let the poor say “I am rich”
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!