

May 24th Bulletin Memorial Day Sunday

Announcements...

- Masks still available
- Several people willing to do porch deliveries
- Please keep checking in on each other
- Online giving available at www.cedarvilleunited.org
- Women's online retreat – scholarships available

Call to Worship: from Psalm 27

Pastor: One thing I asked of the Lord,

People: *This is what I seek:*

Pastor: To dwell in the house of the Lord

People: *All the days of my life,*

Pastor: To behold the beauty of the Lord,

People: *And to inquire in his temple.*

Hymn – #447 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

See 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!

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Solo – Battle Hymn of the Republic

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:16-17

Sermon: *Remembering*

- Memorial Day first observed on May 5, 1868 – intent was to honor Civil War soldiers, but now we use this day to remember all who have fought for our right to freedom
- Claiming God's call as a soldier is no easy decision and no easy task
- On Memorial Day weekend, the goal is to remember those who died. But let us also remember those who returned physically wounded, those who have post-traumatic stress, those who returned uninjured, and those who serve day after day right now.
- As Christians, we are also taught to be peacemakers, but we are also taught to protect the weak and help the suffering.
- We are free because Christ sets us free. Our freedom in Christ does not give us the right to live as we wish, but the privilege of seeking God's will for our lives

- As we worship today from the comfort of our own homes, let us pray for and remember those who are serving around the world, sacrificing daily. Let us remember families who have lost loved ones to war. Let us remember those who paid the ultimate price.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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.

If you have prayer requests, please send them via Facebook Messenger or text me directly. Because we are live-streaming, please get permission before sending the request. Also, only first names will be mentioned and medical conditions will be kept deliberately vague. God knows who we are praying for and what's going on with the person. But since we don't know who all will be listening to this, we want to protect privacy.

Benediction