

## July 12th Bulletin

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### Prelude

**Announcements** (will be on Facebook Live screen)

### Call to Worship:

Pastor: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart

*People: I will tell of all your wonderful deeds*

Pastor: I will be glad and exult in you

*People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High*

**Opening Hymn - #101** (lyrics will be on Facebook Live screen)

*"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

### Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

**Scripture:** Genesis 50:15-21

**Sermon:** Fruit of the Spirit – Goodness

### Time of Prayer

*(Note: For now, we will NOT be asking for spoken joys and concerns during the service. If you have prayer requests, please send them via Facebook Messenger or text. Also, only first names will be mentioned and medical conditions will be kept vague to protect privacy.)*

### 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.

**Closing Hymn – #75** (lyrics will be on Facebook Live screen)

*"God Is So Good"*

### Offering Reminder

*Offering plates are around the sanctuary near each entrance and online giving is available at [www.cedarvilleunited.org](http://www.cedarvilleunited.org)*

### Benediction

### Postlude

## **Sermon Notes:**

### **DEFINITION OF GOOD AND BAD**

- Good is a pretty subjective word. What constitutes a good meal to you? A good day? A good vacation?
- What makes something bad? There are societal norms. In other cases, something is bad if it doesn't meet personal expectations.
- We often take this definition of good and bad and apply it to our relationship with God.
- Nowhere does God promise a perfect life. But everywhere, God promises to be with us.

### **BACKGROUND OF PASSAGE**

- To explain where we are: Abraham and Sarah had Isaac who married Rebecca...and they had Jacob and Esau. Jacob married Leah and Rachel. They (and their maids) produced several children—twelve sons and many daughters—but his favorite was the first-born son of Rachel...named Joseph.
- He treated Joseph better than he did his other sons, evidenced by the fact he gave Joseph a coat of long sleeves.
- His brothers hated him and sold him into slavery
- Joseph eventually ended up in jail. The Lord was with him.
- Two years later, Joseph was free from prison and put in charge of preparing for the impending famine

### **FOR US TODAY**

- Joseph remains humble throughout the good and the bad.
- He could see God as good based on His abiding presence, not based on whether he got what he wanted.
- This week, let us take Joseph's phrase—what you intended for evil, God intended for good—and apply it to our own lives. Where are we missing the goodness of the Lord because of our own bitterness? Where are we missing the goodness of the Lord because of a wrong definition?