

July 19th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed

People: A stronghold in times of trouble

Pastor: And those who know your name put their trust in you

People: For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you

Opening Hymn - #108 (lyrics will be on Facebook Live screen)

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: Fruit of the Spirit – Generosity

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 – #128 (lyrics will be on Facebook Live screen)

"Praise the Name of Jesus"

Offering Reminder

Offering plates are around the sanctuary near each entrance and online giving is available at www.cedarvilleunited.org

Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

INTRODUCTION

- Generosity vs. greed
- Fruit of the Spirit sometimes reads – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness...and sometimes generosity

GENEROSITY

- How do we use our time, talent, and treasure to honor God and further the Kingdom of God?
- All given gifts by God – and sometimes in different amounts

BACKGROUND OF PASSAGE

- This passage explains Jesus' teaching to guard against all kinds of greed
- Rich man's attitude was that he would have an easy life because he had everything he could want
- He was not rich toward God – didn't enhance kingdom, didn't help people who needed food, but stored up more than he could possibly use
- Can we resist those temptations? Doesn't mean we can't ever look nice or buy things, but is our focus to be rich toward self or rich toward God?

FOR US TODAY

- What is our attitude toward our wealth?
- How do we use what God has given us? – time, talent, treasure
- Generosity is a way we live – we live with our eyes open toward the needs of others and ways to further God's Kingdom