

September 13th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Fall Kick-Off Video

Call to Worship:

Pastor: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

People: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,

Pastor: My God, my rock in whom I take refuge,

People: My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Opening Hymn - "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Special Music – "This Is The Time I Must Sing" Becky Gillaugh, Holly Liming, Roger Dobbins

Children's Sermon – Charlene Campbell

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-27

Sermon: Men and Women of the Bible: Eve

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. 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 – "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Offering Reminder

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

Benediction

Postlude

Opening Hymn - *“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”*

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
o'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
those of earth to thrones on high;
living, life-imparting Spirit,
you we praise and magnify.

Closing Hymn - *“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit
in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit
of the Lord;
Sweet Holy Spirit,
sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us,
filling us with your love,
and for these blessings
we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

Sermon Notes:

INTRODUCTION

- Fall Sermon Series – Men and Women of the Bible
- We can learn something about our faith from the successes—or failures—of each person
- Goal is to remind us all that they are real people with strengths and weaknesses – weren't perfect people walking around holy all the time

BACKGROUND OF PASSAGE

- At one point, Satan was an angel of God
- The serpent twisted God's words and made Him sound stingy and strict.
- Eve looked not at all the things God had given her—all the trees in the garden for food—but focused on the one thing God said no to.
- "Where are you?" is a spiritual question
- Eating of this tree that was supposed to give them wisdom gave them fear.
- What does it mean to eat from the Tree of Life? How does that contrast from what we commonly do now, which is eat from the Tree of Knowledge?

TREE OF KNOWLEDGE

- Eating from the Tree of Knowledge moved Adam and Eve's focus from God to them and caused them to measure themselves against "good" and "evil."
- Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge is bitter but addictive. It leads us to look not toward God and others, but ourselves. We get self-centered, we become self-sufficient, and we feel entitled.

TREE OF LIFE

- Eating from the Tree of Life means that we focus on Christ—the Bread of Life, the Living Water. Instead of occasionally seeking God, we see Him as our everything.
- Eating from the Tree of Life means that Christ is our foundation, rather than trying to stand on our own work, our own blood, sweat, and tears. It means that we feast on the Bread of Life as our nourishment rather than the bread of our own abilities and achievements.

FOR US TODAY

- Our challenge for this week is to look at ways we're eating from the Tree of Knowledge, in different areas of our lives. Where are we self-centered? Where are we self-sufficient? Where do we feel entitled? Where are we coming before God for our own gain rather than to worship Him?
- It's like drinking salt water rather than fresh water, like eating candy rather than something nutritious. It dehydrates us and gives us a quick high but then we crash. It fractures relationships rather than builds them.