

October 25th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Opening Hymn #306 *“Standing on the Promises”*

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Children’s Sermon – Becky Gillaugh

Scripture: Luke 10:38-24 NT page 72

Sermon: Men and Women of the Bible: Martha

Time of Prayer (*Note: For now, we will not be asking for spoken joys and concerns. Please text them, send them by Facebook messenger, or leave them on the pulpit.*)

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 #748 *“Onward, Christian Soldiers”*

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

Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

Introduction:

- Sermons often extol Mary as being the ultimate disciple. Martha is condemned, mocked, laughed at.
- We have more in common with Martha than we do Mary – today we are going to talk about fear.

Background of Passage:

- The focus is not that people should be unconcerned with household chores, but that the proper attitude toward Jesus is to listen to Him and obey His words
- Verse 40 – distracted / Verse 41 – worried and upset
 - Distracted – drawn with anxiety, chronic
 - Worried – in an uproar
 - Upset – tumult; inward anxiety and outward agitation

Fear:

- How do you respond to fear?
- Pandemic has brought about a lot of fear...
 - Fear of the virus or catching the virus or giving it to someone else
 - Fear of liberty being taken away
 - Fear propagated by the media
 - Fear of never getting back to normal
 - Fear of whether or not the economy will fully recover
- Other fears...
 - Election – lot at stake for presidential and senate seats
 - Things in our own lives – health issues, family issues
- 2 Timothy 1:7, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” Heard this verse related to the Trinity.
- Not to make light at all of what’s going on in our society – lots of chaos, lots of adjustments. Are we so distracted by what’s going on around us that we are missing Jesus right in front of us? Not physically, but always accessible.
- What power do we have that we aren’t using right now?
- When we know we are dearly loved, we step out in a new confidence.
- Wisdom comes from reading the words of Jesus. He gives us that sound mind. He doesn’t change. He doesn’t waver. He doesn’t speak out of both sides of his mouth.

Opening Hymn #306 *“Standing on the Promises”*

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring –
“Glory in the highest,” I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love’s strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword, standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit’s call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

Closing Hymn #748 *“Onward, Christian Soldiers”*

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before:
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe; forward into battle, see his banners go.
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Christians we are treading where the saints have trod;
we are not divided, all one body we, one in hope and doctrine, one in charity.
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
but the Church of Jesus constant will remain;
gates of hell can never ‘gainst that Church prevail;
we have Christ’s own promise, and that cannot fail.
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.

Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng,
blend with ours your voices in the triumph song;
glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King: this thro’ countless ages we with angels sing.
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.