

November 22nd Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times;

People: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Pastor: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: And let us exalt his name together.

Opening Hymn #381 *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Special Music: *“O Give Thanks to the Lord”*

Quartet – Peggy Darner, Roger Dobbins, Becky Gillaugh, Holly Liming

Children’s Sermon: Becky Gillaugh

Scripture: Acts 7:1-60 NT page 124

Sermon: Men and Women of the Bible: Stephen

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 #53 *“Let All Things Now Living”*

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

Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

BACKGROUND OF PASSAGE

- “Are these charges true?”
- Stephen summarized Old Testament and challenged the Sanhedrin.
- Israel had better be careful not to resist God’s workings as they had in the past.
- Stephen saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God.
- Saul agreed that Stephen should be stoned.
- Stephen prayed for his enemies.

FOR US TODAY

- How far are we willing to go for our faith?
 - How would we react if we were told, “if you keep worshiping here, you will go to prison?”
 - How would we react if we were told, “if we catch you with a Bible, we will put you to death?”
- How important is our faith?
- We need to stay grounded right now.

Opening Hymn #381 *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God’s own field, fruit unto his praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrows grown.
First, the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear,
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home,
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home,
gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in your presence to abide.
Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Closing Hymn #53 *“Let All Things Now Living”*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o’er us, his light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel
from light into light.

His law he enforces the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Poinsettias

This year we will again have the opportunity to beautify our sanctuary by contributing Christmas poinsettias. The cost of the flowers will be \$5.00. Each poinsettia may be presented in your name, in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

Orders must be in by December 6th.

Given by:

In honor of:

In memory of:

Please include the cost of the flowers with your order and either mail to the church office or put in the offering plate. The church mailing address is PO Box 52.