

January 31st Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Praise the Lord, my soul

People: All my inmost being, praise his holy name

Pastor: Praise the Lord, my soul

People: And forget not all his benefits

Opening Hymn #669 *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Scripture: Genesis 50:15-21 OT page 48

Sermon: What You Meant For Evil

Time of Prayer and 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 #702 *“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”*

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

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction #840 v.1 *“God Be with You”*

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

STORY OF JOSEPH

- Despite seeing the damage favoritism did, Jacob favors his son Joseph.
- Significance of coat = long-sleeved coats were for the managers, not the workers
- Prophetic dreams from the Lord
- Brothers grew more and more jealous and sold him into slavery.
- Joseph was bought by a man named Potiphar, who was one of Pharaoh's officers.
- He ended up in prison because Potiphar's wife tried to seduce him.
- Joseph eventually became second in command.
- His brothers lie to him out of fear.

FOR US TODAY

- Joseph chose to see God's hand in everything.
- Lent begins in 18 days. One of the major themes of Lent is repentance – what sins are we excusing in our own lives? How have our sins affected and infected our lives?
- But it's also about forgiveness. Whom do we need to forgive?

Consider calling someone in the congregation or making a small group on Zoom to discuss further. This is one way we can stay more connected as a congregation right now.

Questions To Discuss

Who in your life do you need to forgive?

Who has caused you pain that has festered into resentment and bitterness?

Opening Hymn #669 *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church’s story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us – free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Heal your children’s warring madness, bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom’s goal,
lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Closing Hymn #702 *“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”*

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
the Church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy Church, O God! Her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

Benediction #840 v.1 *“God Be with You”*

God be with you till we meet again,
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.