

February 28th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation

People: *Whom shall I fear?*

Pastor: The Lord is the stronghold of my life

People: *Of whom shall I be afraid?*

Opening Hymn #689 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Children's Sermon Becky Gillaugh

Scripture: Leviticus 1:1-9 OT page 88
 Romans 12:1-2 NT page 161

Sermon: Offerings to the Lord

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 #124 *"I Love You, Lord"*

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

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction #555 v.1 *"More Love to Thee, O Christ"*

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

INTRODUCTION

- Picks up right where Exodus leaves off...in the tent of meeting
- Laws about cleanliness, sacrifices, worship, family life, sabbath, festivals

LEVITICUS

- Outline: offerings of the people, instructions for priests, institution of priests, judgment on two of Aarons sons, ritual cleanliness, Holiness code, sabbath and jubilee, covenant blessings and curses, vows and tithes
- Laws have to do with relationship
- Leviticus is part of the larger narrative

OFFERINGS THEN

- Specific ways of approaching God
- Have we tried to adapt so much to culture that we have lost the holiness?
- We don't want to get casual on the inside...

OFFERINGS NOW

- We offer ourselves to God – our bodies are a living sacrifice
- We talk about our spiritual lives a lot, but not about our physical lives
- How do we treat ourselves? As though the Holy Spirit dwells within us, as though we belong to ourselves and can do whatever we want, or as a living sacrifice?

AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

- Where have we gotten too casual in the ways we relate to God?
- What do we offer when we offer ourselves to God?

Bible Study question for this week:

Whom do we need to forgive?

(Bible Study will be posted on YouTube and Facebook Live on Wednesday mornings)

Opening Hymn #689 *“The Church’s One Foundation”*

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation, by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed:
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

‘Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Closing Hymn #124 *“I Love You, Lord”*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Benediction #555 v.1 *“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee:
hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
this is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee, more love to thee!