

February 7th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: I love you, O Lord, my strength

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

Pastor: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised

People: *So I shall be saved from my enemies*

Opening Hymn #40 *“Let the Whole Creation Cry”*

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Scripture: Exodus 12:1-20 OT page 58

Sermon: Passover and the Lord’s Supper

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.

Communion

Closing Hymn #697 *“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

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

- Genesis told the ancient Israelites that God had befriended their ancestors, promised them a land, and had a plan to bless the world through them.
- In Genesis, we see that God has authority over the world. We see that humans and creatures (like the serpent) are in rebellion against God's order. We see the hints of God's plan to redeem His creation.

WHAT IS EXODUS ABOUT?

- And this is where Exodus begins...430 years later.
- Themes: God's miraculous rescue of Israel, Covenant law, the tabernacle as the place of Israel's worship, God's revelation of His character, Israel's tendency to rebel, God's judgment and mercy.

WHAT IS PASSOVER?

- Moses went to Pharaoh to persuade him to let the Israelites leave:
- Miracles and plagues
- Jewish people celebrate the Passover every year as a reminder that God delivered them out of Egypt
- Passover rituals now

HOW DOES IT RELATE TO THE LORD'S SUPPER?

- God established a precedent in the OT of blood covering the guilt of sin.
- The sacrifice of an unblemished lamb in Exodus preserved the lives of the Israelite firstborn sons.
- Jesus becomes the final Passover Lamb.
- Jesus reinterpreted the Passover for his followers and it became the Lord's Supper.
- When we celebrate the Lord's Supper...
 - We remember Christ's sacrifice
 - Spiritually nourishes us
 - Strengthens our union with Christ
 - Real spiritual presence

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

How do you want to grow closer to Christ during the season of Lent?

What changes do you need to make now so you have room to do this?

Opening Hymn #40 *“Let the Whole Creation Cry”*

Let the whole creation cry: Alleluia!
“Glory to the Lord on high!” Alleluia!
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, Alleluia!
God is God and therefore King, Alleluia!

Praise him, all ye hosts above, Alleluia!
ever bright and fair in love! Alleluia!
Sun and moon, lift up your voice; Alleluia!
night and stars, in God rejoice, Alleluia!

Warriors fighting for the Lord, Alleluia!
prophets burning with his Word, Alleluia!
those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia!
add their voices to the song, Alleluia!

Men and women, young and old, Alleluia!
raise the anthem manifold; Alleluia!
and let children’s happy hearts, Alleluia!
in this worship bear their parts: Alleluia!

Closing Hymn #697 *“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what-e’er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

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!