

## May 2nd Bulletin

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### Prelude

**Announcements** (will be on Facebook Live screen)

### Call to Worship:

Pastor: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

*People: Worship the Lord with gladness;*

Pastor: Know that the Lord is God.

*People: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

**Opening Hymn #530**      *“Be Still, My Soul”*

### Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

**Scripture:** Joshua 1:1-9      OT pg 194

**Sermon:**      Be Strong and Courageous

### 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 #98**      *“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”*

**Offering Reminder** (*online giving is available at [www.cedarvilleunited.org](http://www.cedarvilleunited.org)*)

### Charge and Blessing

**Benediction #248 Refrain**      *“He Lives”*

### Postlude

## Sermon Notes:

### INTRODUCTION

- Outline:
  - Dedication of the nation (chs 1-5)
  - Defeat of the enemy (chs 6-12)
  - Division of the land (chs 13-24)
- Today: Commissioning of Joshua for this task

### BACKGROUND OF PASSAGE

- Joshua was now the leader
- God gave a threefold call to courage:
  - Because of *God's promise* of the land
  - Based on *God's power* through His Word
  - Based on the promise of *God's presence*

**FEAR** – *<sup>9</sup>Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

- Healthy fear vs. freeze response
- Sometimes God is calling us to feel the fear
- Where are you with fear?

**STRENGTH** – *<sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them.*

- Def: prevail, grasp, keep hold of
- We have to fight for this...it's right there, but we have to possess it

**COURAGE** – *<sup>7</sup>Be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you...*

- Def: brave, bold, solid
- Oaks of righteousness or weeping willows?

**SUCCESS** – *...do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go*

- Def: understanding and comprehension
- In this case, success has nothing to do with our works, but it is about our depth

Joshua's call and ours:

Be strong: persistent and determined

And courageous: brave, bold, and solid

So that we have success: understanding and comprehension of God's will, God's plans, God's Word

...wherever we go

**Opening Hymn #530**      *“Be Still, My Soul”*

Be still, my soul! The Lord is on your side: bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide; in every change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul! Your best, your heavenly Friend thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul! Your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past;  
your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul! The waves and wind still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**Closing Hymn #98**      *“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”*

Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus; magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship his majesty; Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

**Benediction #248 Refrain**      *“He Lives”*

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.