

August 1st Bulletin

Prelude

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Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Clap your hands, all you peoples

People: Shout to God with loud songs of joy

Pastor: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome

People: A great king over all the earth

Opening Hymn #21 "How Great Thou Art"

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Special Music Abby Conover

Scripture: Psalm 23

Sermon: For You Are With Me

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 #509 "O, How I Love Jesus"

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

Charge and Blessing

Benediction #820 "Amen" Threefold Danish

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

ABOUT THE PSALM

- The Lord is my shepherd...sheep are defenseless, get lost, and need constant care
- I shall not want...When we follow our Shepherd, we have all we need.
- Beside still waters...sheep will not drink from fast-flowing streams, so the shepherd would dam up a stream
- Leads me beside still waters, leads me in right paths...means “to lead gently.” You cannot drive sheep.
- Darkest valley...represents any difficult experience that makes us afraid
- I will fear no evil, for you are with me...what does it mean for God to be with us?
- Your rod and staff comfort me...rod was a stick the shepherd could use to kill an attacking beast, staff was used to assist the individual sheep if it was in danger
- You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...flat places in the hilly country were called “tables,” and sometimes the shepherd stopped and allowed them to eat and rest as they headed for the fold. He protected them while they ate.
- You anoint my head with oil...he would apply the oil to the heads and horns of the sheep to help keep the flies and other insects away
- My cup overflows...shepherd also had a large cup of water he would have brought from the stream for any sheep who were thirsty when reaching the fold
- Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me...Hebrew word is “pursue”
- I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever...we do not need to fear death, because for believers it is simply a transition back home

FOR YOU ARE WITH ME

- What do you fear?
 - What is your greatest irrational fear? Something that has either a zero or a very, very low probability of happening?
 - As you look around today, what do you fear? Something that could happen?
- The two biggest spiritual issues we faced last year were fear and anger.
- No matter what you think about COVID, how will we respond? Will we take whatever precautions we feel we need to, but live our lives? Or will we let fear overtake us?

SCRIPTURES

- Isaiah 41:10 - Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
- 2 Timothy 1:7 - For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and a sound mind.
- Psalms 27:1 - Of David. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
- Philippians 4:6-7 - Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Opening Hymn #21 *“How Great Thou Art”*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!
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And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!
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When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art.”
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Closing Hymn #509 *“O, How I Love Jesus”*

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.
O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior’s love, who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner’s perfect plea.
O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells me what my Father hath in store for every day,
and, though I tread a darksome path, yields sunshine all the way.
O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe,
who in each sorrow bears a part, that none can bear below
O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

Benediction #820 *“Amen”* Threefold Danish

Amen, Amen, Amen