

August 8th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: The Lord makes firm the steps

People: Of the one who delights in him;

Pastor: Though he may stumble, he will not fall,

People: For the Lord upholds him with his hand.

Opening Hymn #353 *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Special Music Becky Gillaugh *“In Christ Alone”*

Children’s Sermon Becky Gillaugh

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.

Communion

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

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 #353 *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree, and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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.

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Amen, Amen, Amen