

September 26th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Good and upright is the Lord;

People: Therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Pastor: He leads the humble in what is right,

People: And teaches the humble his way.

Opening Hymn #532 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Special Music: *“In Christ Alone with The Solid Rock”* Becky Gillaugh

Children’s Sermon: Bob Lilje

Scripture: Revelation 3:14-22 NT page

Sermon: Joining Jesus at the Table

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 #106 *“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

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

Charge and Blessing

Benediction #840 v1 *“God Be with You”*

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

INTRODUCTION

- American church has gotten lukewarm
- We have a very independent spirit
- How do we recover that sense of dependence on the Lord when we can do it ourselves?

CHURCH IN LAODICEA

- Laodicea was between the cities of Hierapolis and Colosse.
- The water in Laodicea was lukewarm and full of minerals
- Main issue: so wealthy they felt they had no need of God
- Lukewarm spirit: “seeking to do the works of the kingdom through self-reliance and self-sufficiency resulting from living a life disconnected from the realm of His love and deep fellowship with Him.” (Stuart Greaves)

KNOCKING AT THE DOOR

- Verse 20: *Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.*
- He will come and dine with us – what can we offer? Nothing.
- By believing, Jesus offers us everything. We get to eat with him.
- Think about what the table symbolizes: Lord’s Supper, Jesus shared meals, dinner table
- Article: *Why We Eat Together*

SLIPPING OUT THE SIDE DOOR

- When we feel less connected...sometimes we are lured out the side door
- Noise in our lives: from websites to email to tweets to Google to YouTube to smart phones to Netflix/Hulu
- About attitude – in everything we are doing, are we yielding to God?

FOR US TODAY

- How do we resist the desire to slip out the side door?
- Sometimes the way to stay seated at the table with Jesus is simply to refuse to get up
- What side doors do we need to close? And keep closed?
- How can we spend more time at the table of the Lord?

Opening Hymn #532 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word, I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Closing Hymn #106 *“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

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God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.