

**Welcome to Cedar Springs
United Methodist Church
August 23, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.**



Music for Gathering – “Blessed Assurance” (UMH 369)
Bonnie Hitchingham

Greeting

Scripture – Psalm 124 - Nancy Nielsen

Opening Prayer Nancy Nielsen

Call to Worship – Larry French

Holy God, before time you named us
Through time you redeem us
You call us, precious in your sight
May we love as you love.

Holy One, through the turbulent waters
Make us steady, your hands
Holding strong the fragile and weak
May we love as you love.

Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives
be food for the hungry, bread
clothing, shelter, fire, water, Word
May we love as you love.

God of justice, remove the stuff
of our lives that keep us from
hearing, and following your call
May we love as you love.

Loving God, take all of our fears,
our worries, our distractions,
turn them into good fruit,
the food of your love
May we love as you love. Amen

Together with Kids – “Jesus Loves Me! This I Know” (UMH 191, vs. 1)
Larry French

Scripture – Matthew 16:13-20

Peter’s Declaration about Jesus

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah,^[a] the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter,^[b] and on this rock^[c] I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was^[d] the Messiah.^[e]

Message: The Biggest Secret Ever

Prayers of the Community

Life Together & Missions Moments

Music – “All to Jesus I surrender” (UMH 354)

The Offering

Send Off

Music – “You Are My All in All (W&S 3040) - Bonnie Hitchingham

Participants

Nancy Nielsen, Liturgist
Larry French, Together with Kids

Bonnie Hitchingham, Pianist
Larry French, Pastor

Cedar Springs in Prayer

Names will remain on the prayer list for 1 month unless notified. Thank you.

Members	Friends	In Care Facilities
Woody & Jan Avis	Darcey Raymond	The Brook of C.S.-
Wayne & June Price	Family of Barbara Mickam	Albert & Frances Abel
Janet Avery & family	Walt Jones	Phil & Bev Wesche
Gerry & Lois Collis	Dale Waller	
Hal Ringler	Tim Price	Metron of C.S. -
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Randy Benedict	Rose Hunter
Bud & Helen Gambee		
		Addington Place
		Ethel Ergang

Kids Hope USA: Mentors, Prayer Partners, and Students

In Our Country's Service:

Jordan Ackerman	Aaron Burnside	Tyler Hinton
Mitchell Phillips	Elisabeth Bullen	
Nick Segard	Peter & Mikelle Noreen	
Jenny Jo Collin (Mueller)	Russell & Janet (Noreen)	Scott-Evelyn, Noah
James & Jackie (Champion) Finley	Ben & Sarah (Noreen)	Smith- Kate

Please pray for all our students and families as they make the decisions about how the children will be educated this fall. Pray for school staff at all levels as well. There are difficult decisions that will have to be made almost daily.

Church News

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup - I'd like to thank those that came out and helped pick up trash along our two-mile stretch of M46 from Algoma Avenue to Olin Lakes Road on August 1. Considering that there was no spring cleanup, we only filled nine trash bags. Our fall clean-up time runs from September 26 through October 4. We will plan on September 26 as the primary pickup date, with October 3 being the alternate. Please mark your calendars for these dates. The more folks we have, the less time it takes to complete the pickup. If you have questions, please contact Tom Noreen at 696-5186 or tomnoreen@aol.com.

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