

**Welcome to Cedar Springs
United Methodist Church
September 13, 2020
9:30 a.m.**



Music for Gathering: “How Can I Keep from Singing” - Bonnie Hitchingham

Greeting

Scripture: Romans 14:1-12 – Sue Harrison

Opening Prayer: Sue Harrison

Call to Worship: Larry French

No one is an island.
We are all joined in Christ Jesus.

Who else is like you, loving God?

**Who is like you: beautiful in holiness,
awesome in all the things you do for us.**

No one lives by themselves,
no one dies by themselves.
Whether we live or die
we are the Lord's.

**The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.**

Together with Kids:

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

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35 (NSV) – Larry French

Forgiveness

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church[Ⓛ] sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven[Ⓛ] times.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents[Ⓛ] was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii;[Ⓛ] and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister[Ⓛ] from your heart.”

Message: “Free Doesn’t Mean Cheap” - Pastor Larry French

Prayers of the Community

Life Together & Missions Moments

Music: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (UMH 127)

The Offering

Send Off

Music: “Love Divine All Loves Excelling” – Bonnie Hitchingham

Participants

Sue Harrison, Liturgist
Larry French, Pastor

Bonnie Hitchingham, Pianist
Larry French, Together with Kids

Cedar Springs in Prayer

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

Members	Friends	In Care Facilities
Dan & Diane Christie	Shirley Hegedus	The Brook of C.S.-
Bev Hale	Gwen Leach & family	Albert & Frances Abel
Keith Caldwell	Corinne McClain & parents	Phil & Bev Wesche
Phil Harrison	Peter Mosher & family	Metron of C.S. -
Woody & Jan Avis	Tammi Avis	Rose Hunter
Wayne & June Price	Mike Zachow	Bishop Hills
Gerry & Lois Collis	Darcey Raymond	Jackie Harvey
Hal Ringle	Dale Waller	Addington Place
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Tim Price	Ethel Ergang
Bud & Helen Gambee	Randy Benedict	

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, Jessica	

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

Mission Offering for September – UMCOR (if you want it designated to a specific area, please note it on your check)

Security Cameras – Thank you to our Trustees and Memorial Committee for purchasing the security camera system for the church. We are in the final stages of installing the new security cameras in the church and want to remind everyone that if you come into the building, please sign in so that we can reach you if there is a need. This way we know what extra cleaning will need to be done each day. Thank you.

Church Treasurer – Cedar Springs UMC is looking for a part-time Treasurer. The position is 10-12 hours per month at \$15/hr. We are looking for someone with a strong financial background. Please send your resume to office@cedarspringsumc.org.



Our Rethinking Church Task Force has been working hard to organize and get the church ready to reopen for Sunday Worship. After evaluating all the options, it has been decided the best place to come back to worship is right in our own Sanctuary.

Sunday, September 27, 2020 – 9:30 a.m. Worship will be held in the church Sanctuary. Seating has been arranged to follow social distance guidelines and masks will be required. Watch for more information in your emails and mail.

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