

**United Methodist Church**  
**September 20, 2020**  
**9:30 a.m.**



**Music for Gathering:** “Come Into His Presence” - Bonnie Hitchingham

**Greeting**

**Scripture:** Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45 – Kathy Ries

**Opening Prayer:** Kathy Ries

**Call to Worship:** Larry French

Already overburdened with the demands  
of work and leisure, family and friends,  
we come to this place in search of rest.

**May we find here the strength to work for justice.**

Forgiveness is elusive and anger is justified,  
too often we settle for the sweet fleeting fruit of revenge.

**May we find here the patience to embody mercy.**

Deluded by the world in which we live  
receiving power and prestige and money as just reward  
missing the Spirit's call  
to a life grounded in humble service.

**May we find here the wisdom to walk in the Spirit.**

**Amen.**

**Together with Kids:**

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

**Scripture:** Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSV) – Larry French

**The Laborers in the Vineyard**

**20** “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily

wage,<sup>3</sup> he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup> They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.<sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.<sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’<sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’<sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

**Message:** “An Invitation to Justice” - Pastor Larry French

**Prayers of the Community**

**Life Together & Missions Moments**

**Music:** “Seek Ye First” (UMH 405)

**The Offering**

**Send Off**

**Music:** “The Old Rugged Cross”– Bonnie Hitchingham

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## Worship Participants:

Kathy Ries, Liturgist  
Larry French, Pastor

Bonnie Hitchingham, Pianist  
Scott Family, Together with Kids

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## Cedar Springs in Prayer

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

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

### **Kids Hope USA:**

#### **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	

Sympathy to Madeline Harvey and family on the passing of her husband and longtime CSUMC member, Jackie Harvey.

Sympathy to Chris Segard and family on the passing of her nephew, Peter Mosher.

Please keep their family in your prayers.

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## Church News

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



### **October 4 – World Communion Sunday:**

Special Offering envelopes have been mailed along with a church letter. They will also be available in the Sanctuary on 09/27 & 10/04.

**Fall Adopt a Highway Cleanup** -The church's fall MDOT Adopt-a-Highway will be held on September 26. We will meet at in the parking lot behind Huck's Corner store at the corner of Algoma Ave and 17 Mile Road. Our two-mile section runs from there west to Olin Lake Road. The backup date is October 3. Please let Tom Noreen if you are coming by calling 616-260-0881 or emailing [tomnoreen@aol.com](mailto:tomnoreen@aol.com). The more people we have help, the shorter anyone has to walk.

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**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](mailto:office@cedarspringsumc.org).

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### **We Are Relaunching Church!**

**In-Person worship returns to Cedar Springs UMC on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>!**

Join us at our new worship time: 9:30am - for our first in-person worship service since March!

We will require masks and social distancing as part of our overall safety plan. Your safety is our first priority, so church will look a little different. You can expect temperature checks when you enter the SOUTH DOORS and we ask that you remain vigilant with your social distancing practices. We can only do this if everybody participates as one mind of the body of Christ.

Of course we acknowledge that not everybody is ready for in-person worship services, and we will continue to offer an online experience. Our online worship will now be available Sunday evenings due to us recording live worship.

Together we honor God who continues to bless us during this difficult time. Thank you for continuing to be the Church! If you have any questions, please contact the church office

Blessings of peace and love, Larry

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