

**United Methodist Church**  
**September 27, 2020**  
**9:30 a.m.**



**Prelude:** "" - Bonnie Hitchingham

### **Greeting**

**Scripture:** Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 – Betty VanderWal

**Opening Prayer:** Betty VanderWal

**Call to Worship:** Larry French

You split rocks open in the wilderness.  
You called water to pour forth from the fissures.  
To quench your people's thirst.  
To calm your people's complaints.

**Teach us how to trust.**

You split rocks open in the wilderness.  
You split rocks open in our hearts.  
You called living water from there, too.  
To change your people's path.  
To fuel your people's journeys.

**Teach us how to believe.**

You are splitting rocks open in our communities.  
You are calling forth the rush of our voices.  
To flush out your people's complacency.  
To bubble up your people's creativity.

**Teach us how to act out in faith.**

You are splitting and pouring and helping and churning,  
You are rumbling and turning and raining and charging,  
and we are trying to follow along.

We come to you today, hearts open to your love.

**Teach us your ways, O Lord, so we may love like you...**

**Amen.**

### **Together with Kids:**

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

**Scripture:** Matthew 21:23-32 (NRSV) – Larry French

**Message:** "Who Do You Think You Are" - Pastor Larry French

### **The Authority of Jesus Questioned**

<sup>23</sup> When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

### **The Parable of the Two Sons**

<sup>28</sup> "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup> He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> The father<sup>[a]</sup> went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

### **Prayers of the Community**

#### **Life Together & Missions Moments**

**Music:** "More Like You" (TFWS 2167) – Bonnie Hitchingham

### **The Offering**

**Send Off** – "Trust and Obey (UMH 467, verse 1,2 & 4) – Bonnie Hitchingham

### **Postlude**

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#### **Worship Participants:**

Betty VanderWal, 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		Ethel Ergang
Hal Ringler	Dale Waller	
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Tim Price	
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	

## 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.

**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).

**ZOOM Bible Study** is starting on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Our first meeting date will be October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Larry if you have questions or are interested in being a part of this Bible Study group. All are welcome!



**We Are Relaunching Church!**  
**Welcome back to In-Person worship!**

**Join us at our new worship time: 9:30am-**

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. Also, we ask that the parking spots on the south side of the church along the street be reserved for handicap & those who are not able to walk as far. All others we ask to park in our south parking lot or north lot and follow the sidewalk to the south entrance. 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

**Building Use** – With the church entering Phase II of reopening, small church groups meeting for church related business will be allowed to meet in the Fellowship Hall as needed. Groups must contact the church office to be added to the calendar so that we can maintain our highest level of safety and cleaning. We will also continue to operate the Food Pantry as a “drive-thru” only pantry and want to ensure there are no issues with the space. Thank you everyone for working together to keep all safe.

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