

United Methodist Church
October 4, 2020
9:30 a.m.



Prelude – Jerry VanderWal

Greeting

Scripture: Psalm 19 – Chris Segard

Opening Prayer: Chris Segard

Praise Song: “There Was Jesus” – Zach Williams & Dolly Parton

Call to Worship: Larry French

How many times each day
do You come to me, Jesus?
How many quiet prophets,
how many whispered warnings
are sent to catch my attention?

You call me to follow you.

And how many times do I pass by
unaware of Your calm Presence,
unfeeling of Your beckoning gaze?
How often have I hurt the agents of Your care,
too busy or self-absorbed to notice
Your invitation in their words?

You call me to follow you.

Forgive me, Lord,
when through neglect, pre-occupation,
or wrongfulness, I turn my back on You.
Teach me to see, to listen, and to walk with an open heart,
so that I can welcome You,
and answer You,
when, in grace and love,
You call me to follow you.

Together with Kids:

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

Music: “One Bread, One Body” (UMH 620) – Bonnie Hitchingham

Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46 (NRSV) – Larry French

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;^[a]
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.^[a] ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”^[a] ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Message: “The God of Second Chances” - Pastor Larry French

Prayers of the Community

Holy Communion

Music: “I Come with Joy” (UMH 617) – Bonnie Hitchingham

The Offering

Benediction

Postlude: Bonnie Hitchingham

Worship Participants:

Jerry VanderWal, Prelude
Chris Segard, Liturgist
Larry French, Pastor

Bonnie Hitchingham, Pianist
Scott Family, 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
Madeline Harvey & family	Carol Zanto	The Brook of C.S.-
Dan & Diane Christie	Shirley Hegedus	Albert & Frances Abel
Bev Hale	Gwen Leach & family	Phil & Bev Wesche
Keith Caldwell	Corinne McClain & parents	Metron of C.S. -
Woody & Jan Avis	Family of Peter Mosher	Rose Hunter
Wayne & June Price	Tammi Avis	Addington Place
Gerry & Lois Collis	Mike Zachow	Ethel Ergang
Hal Ringler	Dale Waller	
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Tim Price	
Bud & Helen Gамbee	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 October – Hand2Hand is in need of canned soup, individual cups of applesauce and puddings. Please feel free to drop off in the box in the Sanctuary on Sundays or drop at the office entrance door Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursdays from 9:00am-12:00pm. Contact the office if you have any questions.

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.

ZOOM Bible Study is starting on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Our first meeting date will be October 6th. Please contact Pastor Larry if you have questions or are interested in being a part of this Bible Study group. All are welcome!



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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