

United Methodist Church  
October 25, 2020  
9:30 a.m.



Scripture: Matthew 22:34-46 (NSRV) – Larry French

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**Scripture:** Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17- Sue Harrison

**Opening Prayer:** Sue Harrison

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

**Call to Worship:** Larry French

In a world that cries out, “Fear me!”  
**We will listen to Jesus’ words,**  
**“Don’t be afraid!”**

In a world that wants us to hate the other...  
**We will live into Jesus’ call to,**  
**“Love God.**

**Love your neighbor, as you love yourself.”**

In a world that radicalizes...  
**We, too, will be radical.**  
**Radical with our hospitality.**  
**Radical with our hope.**  
**Radical with our love.**

Then come to this place,  
ready to be who we are called to be.  
**Let us gather together**  
**and worship God.**

**Together with Kids:**

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

**Music:** – “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” (vs. 1-4, UMH 430)  
Bonnie Hitchingham

## The Greatest Commandment

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

## The Question about David’s Son

<sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup>“What do you think of the Messiah?<sup>[a]</sup> Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup>He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit<sup>[b]</sup> calls him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup>‘The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet”?’

<sup>45</sup>If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup>No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

**Message:** “Love is the Most Ancient Law” – Pastor Larry French

## Prayers of the Community

**Mission Moment:** (video) – Chuck Smith

**Music:** “More Like You” (TFWS 2167) - Bonnie Hitchingham

## The Offering

## Benediction

## Postlude

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## Worship Participants:

Sue Harrison, 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	Jonas Bulger	The Brook of C.S.-
Dan & Diane Christie	Bill Rau	Albert & Frances Abel
Woody & Jan Avis	Carol Zanto	Phil & Bev Wesche
Wayne & June Price	Dale Waller	Metron of C.S. -
Gerry & Lois Collis	Tim Price	Rose Hunter
Hal Ringle	Randy Benedict	
Fred & Carollee Gunnell		
Bud & Helen Gambee		
	Residents & employees of The Brook of Cedar Springs	

**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

Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Pastor Larry for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Thank you for all you do for our church family.

## Church News

**All Saints Sunday – November 1:** If you have a name of a loved one who has passed that you would like to honor at the service, please contact the office with the name and relationship to you. We ask that names be sent in by October 27.

**Mission Offering for October & November** – 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.

**ZOOM Bible Study** is on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. – All are Welcome! Please contact Pastor Larry if you have questions or are interested in being a part of this Bible Study group.

**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.

### **Subject: Meijer's Holiday Simply Give Campaign Kick-Off**

Meijer is launching the extended holiday *Simply Give* campaign to help replenish the shelves of our food pantry. The campaign will now run a total of ten weeks from the dates of **Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, through Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021.** Our partnering Meijer store for this campaign is:

#### **Meijer Cedar Springs Location - 248 - SOLON TOWNSHIP**

During the campaign, we invite you to join our combined efforts to fight hunger by purchasing the \$10 *Simply Give* cards.

#### **Double Match Days Will Continue**

• During the fall campaign, the Double Match Days will be held on **Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020 and Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020.**

- For every \$10 *Simply Give* card purchased on these dates, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20, bringing the total to \$30 for a single customer purchase.
- Each purchase resulting from Double Match Days will be matched by Meijer up to a maximum amount of \$10,000 for the campaign. (Customer purchases of \$5,000 would be double matched by Meijer to a maximum amount of \$10,000 per pantry/campaign).

Food insecurity continues to be on the rise in the communities we serve, even more so during these uncertain times, which makes our commitment to the cause even more vital. Thank you for joining us as we work to fight hunger.

Greetings Church Family,

The theme for November's Stewardship Campaign is "Thanksgiving: A Month of Gratitude", and with this we will be focusing on being grateful for all that we have, even during a period of distress like we are all now experiencing. God has blessed us all in so many ways, and we are all called to be a blessing for others. We are going to set aside a whole month to focus on giving thanks for all that we have, and consider all the ways in which we can give of ourselves. I look forward to seeing how God works in our lives through this message of gratitude.

Peace and love to you all, Pastor Larry

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