

**United Methodist Church**  
**November 8, 2020**  
**9:30 a.m.**



**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**Scripture:** Psalm 78:1-7, Mark Tabor

**Opening Prayer:** Mark Tabor

**Praise Song:** “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” – Matt Redman

**Call to Worship:** Larry French

Come, let us gather to worship our Timeless God.

**We gather together to share with your children the past blessings we have received from our God.**

Come, let us gather to worship our Awesome God.

**We gather together to listen for God’s word for us today.**

Come, let us gather to worship our Glorious God, who delights in our prayer, our presence, our gifts, and our witness.

**We gather together to share our hope and trust in our merciful God, who has never failed or forgotten us. Amen.**

**Together with Kids:**

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

**Music:** – “Seek Ye First” (vs. 1 & 2, UMH 405) – Bonnie Hitchingham

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:1-13 NRSV – Larry French

### **The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids**

**25** “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids<sup>[a]</sup> took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.<sup>[a]</sup> **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ **7** Then all those bridesmaids<sup>[a]</sup> got up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ **9** But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ **10** And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. **11** Later the other bridesmaids<sup>[a]</sup> came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ **12** But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ **13** Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.<sup>[a]</sup>

**Message:** “Ready and Waiting” – Pastor Larry French

**Stewardship Moment:**

“Thanksgiving: A Month of Celebrating our Blessings”

**Honoring Veterans**

**Music:** “Living for Jesus” (vs. 1-4, TFWS 2149) - Bonnie Hitchingham

**The Offering**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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**Worship Participants:**

Mark Tabor, 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
Tonnie Smith	Laars Helenius	The Brook of C.S.-
Ed Abel	Jason Johnson	Albert Abel
Jerry & Betty VanderWal	Floyd & Sharon	Skilled Nursing Rehab.
Steve Mueller	Jonas Bulger	Frances Abel
Dan & Diane Christie	Bill Rau	Phil & Bev Wesche
Woody & Jan Avis	Carol Zanto	Metron of C.S. -
Wayne & June Price	Dale Waller	Rose Hunter
Gerry & Lois Collis	Tim Price	
Hal Ringler	Randy Benedict	
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Residents & employees of The Brook of Cedar Springs	
Bud & Helen Gambee		

**Kids Hope USA:** Mentors, Prayer Partners, and Students

### In Our Country's Service:

Jordan Ackerman	Aaron Burnside	Tyler Hinton
Mitchell Phillips	Elisabeth Bullen	David Segard III
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

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## Church News

**Mission Offering for 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.

During November we are asking that the congregation support the God's Country project in the Upper Peninsula as well as Randy Hildebrandt, the missionary there. Detailed information can be found in the Mission's section of the November Chimes on our website ([www.cedarspringsumc.org](http://www.cedarspringsumc.org)) or copies are available outside of the Sanctuary

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**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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## **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 runs a total of ten weeks from **Now 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.

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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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Please come join the fun as we decorate our church for the Christmas Season! We are planning **Sunday, November 22** directly after church. Of course, we will be practicing face masks and social distancing. There will be trees, wreaths, lights, bows, ornaments, and of course, food! Let's make this a joyful time with many hands to prepare for the Birth of Jesus!! Please sign up on the sheet available on table outside sanctuary.

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