

**United Methodist Church**  
**November 15, 2020**  
**9:30 a.m.**



**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**Scripture:** Palm 123 – Tom Noreen

**Opening Prayer:** Tom Noreen

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

**Call to Worship:** Larry French

The time for harvest is close at hand.  
What have you done with the gifts God has given you?  
**We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.**

Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.  
**We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.**

Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.  
**Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.**

**Together with Kids:**

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

**Music:** – “Lord, Be Glorified” (vs. 1-4, TFWS 2150) – Bonnie Hitchingham

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV) – Larry French

**The Parable of the Talents**

<sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents,<sup>[a]</sup> to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the

five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

**Message:** “Don’t Bury Yourself” – Pastor Larry French

**Stewardship Moment:**

“Thanksgiving: A Month of Celebrating our Blessings”

**Music:** A Charge to Keep I Have” (vs. 1-4, UMH 413) - Bonnie Hitchingham

**The Offering**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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**Worship Participants:**

Tom Noreen, 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	Family of Max Cole	The Brook of C.S.-
Ed Abel	Teresa Tibbe	Albert Abel
Jerry & Betty VanderWal	Marcia Anderson	Skilled Nursing Rehab.
Steve Mueller	Laars Helenius	Frances Abel
Dan & Diane Christie	Jason Johnson	Phil & Bev Wesche
Woody & Jan Avis	Floyd & Sharon	Metron of C.S. -
Wayne & June Price	Jonas Bulger	Rose Hunter
Gerry & Lois Collis	Bill Rau	
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	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

Greetings church family,

We at Cedar Springs UMC believe the church is never closed. Unfortunately, due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases in our area, the "Rethinking Church" task force, along with the church leadership, has decided to suspend in-person worship through November 29, 2020. Please keep an eye on your email, our website ([www.cedarspringsumc.org](http://www.cedarspringsumc.org)) and our Facebook page, for all our virtual worship options. May God keep you all safe, healthy, and wrapped in his everlasting love, during this difficult season. We will get through this, and we will do it together, making us stronger in the end.

Blessings of peace and love to you all, Pastor Larry

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)).

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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 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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