

**United Methodist Church**  
**November 22, 2020**  
**9:30 a.m.**



**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**Scripture:** Psalm 123, Sue Harrison

**Opening Prayer:** Sue Harrison

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

**Call to Worship:** Larry French

We come, for God gathers us here,  
with that community called faith:  
**where the hungry are served first,**  
**where the thirsty drink life's water.**

We come, for God welcomes us here  
into that home called grace:

**where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;**  
**where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal**

We come, for God reunites us here,  
sisters and brothers in that family called love:  
**where the imprisoned model justice,**  
**where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

**Together with Kids:**

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

**Music:** – "We Gather Together" (UMH 151) – Bonnie Hitchingham

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV) – Larry French

**The Judgment of the Nations**

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before

him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**Message:** "When Was It" – Pastor Larry French

**Stewardship Moment:**

"Thanksgiving: A Month of Celebrating our Blessings"

**Music:** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (UMH 694) - 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
Marty, Darcy, Madelyn & Gibson Reister	Tom Anderson	The Brook of C.S.- Albert Abel
Alice Powell-Anderson	Mark Winegar	Skilled Nursing Rehab.
Tonnie Smith	Gordon "Doc" VanOtteren	Frances Abel
Ed Abel	Family of Max Cole	Phil & Bev Wesche
Jerry & Betty VanderWal	Teresa Tibbe	Metron of C.S. - Rose Hunter
Steve Mueller	Marcia Anderson	
Dan & Diane Christie	Laars Helenius	
Woody & Jan Avis	Dale Waller	
Wayne & June Price	Tim Price	
Gerry & Lois Collis	Randy Benedict	
Hal Ringler		
Fred & Carollee Gunnell		
Bud & Helen Gambee		
<b>Kids Hope USA:</b>	Mentors, Prayer Partners, and Students	
<b>In Our Country's Service:</b>		
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

## 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

**Winter Snowbirds:** Please make sure you give your information to the office of what months you will be gone and your address for the winter. That way we can keep you up-to-date on all the activities and news for the church during the winter months! See you next spring!

**Missions:** 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)). We are also continuing to support Hand 2, and then Student Sunday on the last Sunday of November. Thank you for all your support of these important missions.

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

**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** and 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).

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**November's Stewardship Campaign** is "Thanksgiving: A Month of Gratitude", focuses 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. We have sent out 2021 Pledge Cards in the mail and are asking for you to think about your pledge and return by 12/01/2020.

Peace and love to you all, Pastor Larry

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**Christmas Love Offerings:** If anyone would like to give a Christmas Love Offering for our staff, please send them to the church office before December 15 and be sure to mark them "love offering- staff" or "love offering-pastor".

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