

**Cedar Springs
United Methodist Church
January 3, 2021
9:30 a.m.**



Prelude

Greeting

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6 - Chris Segard

Opening Prayer: Chris Segard

Call to Worship: Larry French

Arise! Shine!

God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

Arise! Shine!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Arise! Shine!

God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Arise! Shine!

Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Together with Kids:

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

Music: “What Child Is This” (vs. 1-3 UMH 219)
Bonnie Hitchingham

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV) - Larry French

The Visit of the Wise Men

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men^[a] from the East came to Jerusalem, **2** asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising,^[a] and have come to pay him homage.” **3** When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; **4** and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he

inquired of them where the Messiah^[a] was to be born. **5** They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd^[a] my people Israel.’”

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men^[a] and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. **8** Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” **9** When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,^[a] until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw that the star had stopped,^[a] they were overwhelmed with joy. **11** On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Message: “How Far Will You Go?” - Pastor Larry French

Music: “Go Tell It On The Mountain” (vs. 1-3 UMH 251)
Bonnie Hitchingham

The Offering

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Participants:

Chris Segard, Liturgist
Larry French, Pastor

Bonnie Hitchingham, Pianist
Scott Family, Together with Kids

Cedar Springs in Prayer

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office @ 616-696-1140 or email: office@cedarspringsumc.org.

Names will remain on the prayer list for 1 month unless notified. Thank you.

| Members | Friends | In Care Facilities |
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| Gerry & Lois Collis | Cathy Detz | The Brook of C.S.- Albert Abel |
| Alice Powell-Anderson | Teresa Tibbe | Spectrum Hospital |
| Jerry & Betty VanderWal | Ron Tennant & family | Frances Abel |
| Dan & Diane Christie | Oliver Ramirez | Phil & Bev Wesche |
| Woody & Jan Avis | Judy Meek Erickson | Metron of C.S. - Rose Hunter |
| Wayne & June Price | Family of Jane Percy | |
| Hal Ringler | Audrey Looman | |
| Fred & Carollee Gunnell | Family of Gary Hosmer | |
| Bud & Helen Gambee | Family of Gordon "Doc" VanOtteren | |
| | Neil Young | |
| | Dale Waller | |
| | Tim Price | |
| | Randy Benedict | |

Kids Hope USA: Mentors, Prayer Partners, and Students

In Our Country's Service:

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| 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

Church Building Use: If you have a need to enter the church building during this time, please use the office entrance and remember to sign in so that we know who and where in the building people have been. This will help us to keep areas sanitized and safe for all our staff, members and volunteers.

2020 Offering Statements:

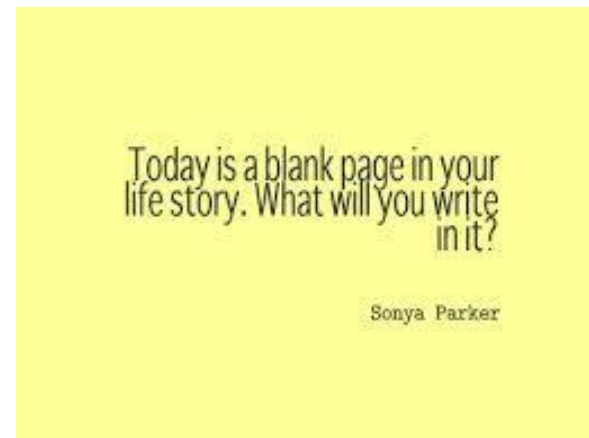
We will be sending offering statements for 2020 out in the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact the church office.

Stewardship Pledge Cards:

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their cards. If you haven't had the chance, please return the pledge cards to the office as soon as possible so that we can finish updating the church budget. You can mail them or make arrangements to drop off at the church-- contact the church office if you wish to drop off. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer at the office phone number.

Mission News:

Please refer to the Chimes mission news for information about our primary emphasis--Restoration Community Church for their mission to the refugee camp in Tanzania from which many of them came. On January 17 we are seeking support for Human Relations Day--an offering taken throughout the United Methodist churches for ministries to help people living on the fringes of society become self-sufficient.



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