

United Methodist Church
December 20, 2020
9:30 a.m.



Prelude

Greeting

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11 – Sue Harrison

Opening Prayer: Sue Harrison

Advent Reading: Drier Family

Call to Worship: Larry French

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for all his loving kindness to me day by day.

Great is our God and worthy to be praised

The Mighty One has done great things for me; holy is his name.

Let it be to me according to your word.

God's mercy reaches to all those who fear him, in every generation.

Great is our God and worthy to be praised! Amen!

Together with Kids:

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

Music: “The First Noel” (vs. 1,2,4 UMH 245)

Bonnie Hitchingham

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV) - Larry French

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.”²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, “Do not be

afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” ³⁴Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”³⁵ The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born³⁶ will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Message: “Here Am I” – Pastor Larry French

Music: “Angels We Have Heard on High” (vs. 1-3 UMH 234)

Bonnie Hitchingham

The Offering

Benediction

Postlude



Worship Participants:

Sue Harrison, Liturgist
Drier Family, Advent Readers
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
Art & Rosann Gerhardt	Kevin & Jonicah Gerhardt	The Brook of C.S. -
Gerry & Lois Collis	Teresa Tibbe	Albert Abel
Alice Powell-Anderson	Ron Tennant & family	Spectrum Hospital
Jerry & Betty VanderWal	Oliver Ramirez	Frances Abel
Steve Mueller	Judy Meek Erickson	Phil & Bev Wesche
Dan & Diane Christie	Family of Jane Pearcy	Metron of C.S. -
Woody & Jan Avis	Audrey Looman	Rose Hunter
Wayne & June Price	Family of Gary Hosmer	
Hal Ringler	Family of	
	Gordon "Doc" VanOtteren	
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Neil Young	
Bud & Helen Gambee	Grace Price & family	
	Carl Anderson & family	
	Dale Waller	
	Tim Price	

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

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.

Missions: We are asking mission offerings for Advent and Christmas for refugee relief through UMCOR. Please mark your offering so we know where to post it to.

Year-end Reimbursements: Make sure that you turn in your receipts for reimbursements into the church treasurer by Monday, December 28, 2020 so that we can close our 2020 yearend at the end of December.

2020 Donations/Offerings: Please remember that any donations or offerings that you wish to apply to your 2020 taxes need to be to the church office no later than Monday, December 28, 2020. Anything received after that date will be applied to the year 2021. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at the numbers listed on the back page of this newsletter. Thank you.

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.

Christmas Cards: If you would like to send a Christmas card to Pastor Larry & Sharon, please send them to the church address.

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