

**Cedar Springs
United Methodist Church
January 10, 2021
9:30 a.m.**



Prelude

Greeting

Scripture: Psalm 29 – Nancy Nielsen

Opening Prayer: Nancy Nielsen

Call to Worship: Larry French

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Jesus emerges from the water.

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

**“You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased.”**

Jesus is named. Claimed.

We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

Together with Kids:

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

Music: “When Jesus Came to Jordan” (vs. 1-3 UMH 252)
Bonnie Hitchingham

Scripture: Mark 1:4-11 (NRSV) - Larry French

Message: “What is it, to be ‘Claimed’?” - Pastor Larry French

⁴ John the baptizer appeared^[a] in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one

who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with^[a] water; but he will baptize you with^[a] the Holy Spirit.”

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved;^[a] with you I am well pleased.”

Music: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (vs. 1-4 UMH 420) Bonnie Hitchingham

The Offering

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Participants:

Nancy Nielsen, 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
Gerry & Lois Collis	Family of Dick Tice	The Brook of C.S.-
Alice Powell-Anderson	Ken Miner	Albert Abel
Jerry & Betty VanderWal	Cathy Detz	Bev Wesche
Dan & Diane Christie	Teresa Tibbe	Spectrum Hospital
Woody & Jan Avis	Ron Tennant & family	Frances Abel
Wayne & June Price	Oliver Ramirez	Metron of C.S. -
Hal Ringler	Judy Meek Erickson	Rose Hunter
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Family of Jane Percy	
Bud & Helen Gambee	Audrey Looman	
	Family of Gary Hosmer	
	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:

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

Our Sympathy to Phil & Shari Wesche and family on the passing of Phil's father, Phil Wesche, Sr. Please keep them all in your prayers.

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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