

Cedar Springs
United Methodist Church
February 14, 2021
9:30 a.m.



Prelude: “Morning Has Broken”

Greeting

Scripture: Psalm 50:1-6 - Ann Scott

Opening Prayer: Ann Scott

Call to Worship: Larry French

Today we are celebrating the holy light that illuminated Jesus.
We celebrate his transfiguration on the mountain.

Light of light: transfusing & transforming light.
Divine light flooding out the shadows.
Light of love, light of delight.
Light that turns doubters into followers.

It is the same God who at the beginning said:
“Let there be light,”

**who has shone in our hearts with an understanding of the glory of God in the
face of Jesus Christ.**

The mightiest One of all, God the Eternal,
speaks and summons the whole earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**From God’s holy mountain, God’s light,
the perfection of beauty, shines out.**

Together with Kids:

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

Music “Holy Ground” (TFWS 2272)
Bonnie Hitchingham

Scripture Mark 9:2-9 (NRSV) - Larry French

The Transfiguration

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one^[a] on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,^[a] one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved;^[a] listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

The Coming of Elijah

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Message: “Transforming Our Expectations” - Pastor Larry French

Music: “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies” (vs. 1-3, UMH 173)
Bonnie Hitchingham

The Offering

Benediction

Postlude: “Immortal, Invisible”

Worship Participants:

Ann Scott, Liturgist
Larry French, Pastor

Bonnie Hitchingham, Pianist
Cassidy Mayo, 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
Judy Murray	Ric Lewis	The Brook of C.S.-
Albert & Frances Abel	Bill Benson	Albert Abel
Woody & Jan Avis	family of Nancy (Wesche)	Bev Wesche
	Gerlich	
Pete Kribbet	Soonja Koole	Pilgrim Manor
Gerry & Lois Collis	Ken Miner	Frances Abel
Dan & Diane Christie	Raymond Joseph Lacrosse	Metron of C.S. -
Wayne & June Price	Family of Gene Waller	Rose Hunter
Hal Ringler	Family of Phil Wesche, Sr.	
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Family of Dick Tice	
Bud & Helen Gambee	Ken Miner	
	Cathy Detz	
	Teresa Tibbe	
	Ron Tennant & 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 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.

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Church News

Ash Wednesday / Lent Meditation

Lent is a time when we prepare ourselves for Easter. This season of preparation takes a measure of commitment from the start, and while it certainly is a serious time, it doesn't have to be somber. This year is different than most, and so we will do the imposition of ashes that kicks off our Lenten season a little differently as well:

- You will be able to pick up ashes in the main entrance foyer at the following dates/times:
 - Wed., Feb. 10th 9am-1pm
 - Thu., Feb. 11th 11am-1pm
 - Tue., Feb. 16th 11am-1pm
 - Wed., Feb. 17th 9am-1pm
- We will have an online Ash Wednesday service available for viewing at 7pm on Wed., Feb. 17th
- During the service you will have a time to impose ashes on yourself or your family members in your household.

Photo-a-Day Meditation: When you pick up your ashes you can pick up a sheet that will have word/themes for each day during Lent (Monday-Saturday). This spiritual practice asks you to focus on the word or theme for the day and share a photo related to the theme on our Public Group Facebook page – "Cedar Springs United Methodist Church", or you can email the photos to office@cedarspringsumc.org. Our photos will be displayed during the Sunday Service each week. (Please ask family or friends to help you send photos in if you have never done so before – or contact the office.)

Our hope is that we can all participate together in this preparatory season that ends in a time of celebration of new life in Jesus Christ. This photo meditation can be a fun time – involve the kids or grandkids. Send message to each other encouraging participation. Let your creative side out. However you decide to participate, we hope you will enjoy this season and have an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be part of a community that is getting ready to receive the risen Christ!

Blessings of peace and love to you all.

Pastor Larry

"Our 'Rethinking Church' Task Force has thoughtfully and prayerfully decided to reopen our church for in-person worship (Phase II of Reopening Guidelines) as of Sunday, February 21st at 9:30am. We will be open at 50% capacity. Masks and social distancing will be required. Online virtual services will still be available on our Facebook page for those not yet ready to return to in-person worship.