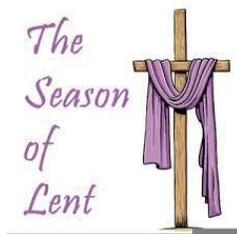


Cedar Springs
United Methodist Church
February 21, 2021
9:30 a.m.



Prelude

Greeting

Scripture: Psalm 25 - Nancy Nielsen

Opening Prayer: Nancy Nielsen

Call to Worship: Larry French

As darkness gives way to light
and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.

Like the green shoots of renewed life,
stirring beneath the soil,

We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

In this time of reflection and repentance,

**We affirm our identity, we claim our security,
as children of God.**

Together with Kids:

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

Music: "Come, Thou Almighty King" (vs. 1-4, UMH 61)
Bonnie Hitchingham

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15 (NRSV) - Larry French

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And 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. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Temptation of Jesus

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news^[a] of God,^[a] ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;^[a] repent, and believe in the good news."^[a]

Message: "The Time is Fulfilled" - Pastor Larry French

Music: "Spirit Song" (vs. 1-2, UMH 347)
Bonnie Hitchingham

The Offering

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Participants:

Nancy Nielsen, 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 News

"Our 'Rethinking Church' Task Force has thoughtfully and prayerfully decided to reopen our church for in-person worship (Phase II of Reopening Guidelines) as today, 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.

Church Building Use: If you have a need to enter the church building during this time, please use the office entrance and remember that masks are to be worn inside of the church at all times. We also ask that you 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.

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.

Photo-a-Day Meditation: If you need a new photo sheet that has word/themes for each day during Lent (Monday-Saturday) contact the office. 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 messages 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

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