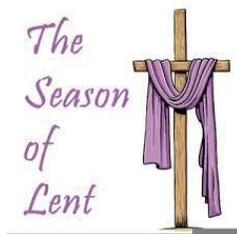


Cedar Springs
United Methodist Church
February 28, 2021
9:30 a.m.



Prelude

Greeting

Scripture: Psalm 22:23-31, Sue Harrison

Opening Prayer: Sue Harrison

Call to Worship: Larry French

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**Lent calls us to journey:
to the place where God covenants with us,
to receive the new names we are given.**

Lent calls us to worship together,
to tell future generations the good news.

**Lent calls us to practice justice,
to bring God's hope to all people.**

Lent calls us to faithful living,
to trust the One who gives us life.

**Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,
to trust the One who bears it with us.**

Lent calls us to journey with God.

**Let us worship God, who walks with us,
this and every day.**

Together with Kids:

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

Music: “The Summons” (vs. 1,2,5 TFWS 2130)
Bonnie Hitchingham

Scripture: Mark 8:31-38 (NRSV) - Larry French

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,^[a] will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words^[a] in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Message: “Set Your Mind on Divine Things” - Pastor Larry French

Music: “Where He Leads Me” (vs. 1,2,4 UMH 338)
Bonnie Hitchingham

The Offering

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Participants:

Sue Harrison, 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	Family of Lars Helenius	The Brook of C.S.-
Albert & Frances Abel	Ric Lewis	Albert Abel
Woody & Jan Avis	Bill Benson	Bev Wesche
Pete Kribbet	family of Nancy (Wesche) Gerlich	Pilgrim Manor
Gerry & Lois Collis	Soonja Koole	Frances Abel
Dan & Diane Christie	Ken Miner	Metron of C.S. -
Wayne & June Price	Dale Waller	Rose Hunter
Hal Ringler	Tim Price	
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Randy Benedict	
Bud & Helen Gambee		

<u>Kids Hope USA:</u> <u>In Our Country's Service:</u>	Mentors, Prayer Partners, and Students
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

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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). 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.

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



Easter service will be at our regular 9:30 time. It was decided that Cedar Springs will have a sunrise service next year. Cedar Springs folks are welcome to come to Kent City UMC at 7:30am for Sunrise service on Easter.