

**Cedar Springs**  
United Methodist Church  
March 7, 2021  
9:30 a.m.



**Scripture:** John 2:13-22 (NRSV) - Larry French

### **Jesus Cleanses the Temple**

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup> Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

### **Prelude**

### **Greeting**

**Scripture:** Psalm 19, Nancy Nielsen

**Opening Prayer:** Nancy Nielsen

**Praise Song:** "Come Alive" – Lauren Daigle

**Call to Worship:** Larry French

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?  
**We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.**

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?  
**We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.**

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?  
**We long to live lives of holiness and light.**

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.  
Come near, people of God!  
Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

### **Together with Kids:**

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

**Music:** "Take Time to be Holy" (vs. 1-3 UMH 395)  
Bonnie Hitchingham

**Message:** "Is it Time to Clean House?" - Pastor Larry French

### **Holy Communion - A service of Word and Table II**

**Music:** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (vs. 1-3 UMH 295)  
Bonnie Hitchingham

### **The Offering**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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### **Worship Participants:**

Nancy Nielsen, Liturgist  
Larry French, Pastor

Bonnie Hitchingham, Pianist  
Cassidy Mayo, Scott Family, Together with Kids

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## 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](mailto:office@cedarspringsumc.org).

Names will remain on the prayer list for 1 month unless notified. Thank you

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

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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](mailto: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.