

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



Prelude: Jerry VanderWal

Greeting

Scripture: Psalm 51 – Ann Scott

Opening Prayer: Ann Scott

Praise Song: “Come Alive” – Lauren Daigle

Call to Worship: Larry French

We come to worship this morning from different places.

O God, do not be far from us.

We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

O God, do not be far from us.

We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

O God, do not be far from us.

We hear Jesus’ words with different ears.

O God, do not be far from us.

“Deny yourselves.”

O God, do not be far from us.

“Take up your cross.”

O God, do not be far from us.

“Follow me.”

O God,

we thank you for drawing near to us

in this place,

in our lives.

Amen.

Together with Kids:

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

Music: “Take Up My Cross” (vs. 1-4 UMH 415)

Scripture: John 12:20-33 (NRSV) - Larry French

Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Jesus Speaks about His Death

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people^a to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Message: “How Is It with Your Soul?” - Pastor Larry French

Music: “Oh Jesus, I Have Promised” (vs. 1-4 UMH 396)

The Offering

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Participants:

Ann Scott, Liturgist
Larry French, Pastor

Tom Noreen & Jerry VanderWal, Music
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
Darcey Raymond	Jack Dunaven	The Brook of C.S.-
Keith Caldwell	Jeff Hansen	Albert Abel
Judy Murray	Cathy Redman	Bev Wesche
Albert & Frances Abel	Family of Lars Helenius	Pilgrim Manor
Woody & Jan Avis	Ric Lewis	Frances Abel
Pete Kribbet	Bill Benson	Metron of C.S. -
Gerry & Lois Collis	Dale Waller	Rose Hunter
Dan & Diane Christie	Tim Price	
Wayne & June Price	Randy Benedict	
Hal Ringler		
Fred & Carollee Gunnell		
Bud & Helen Gambee		

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)
James & Jackie (Champion) Finley		
Ben & Sarah (Noreen) Smith- Kate, Jessica		

Church News

Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up: Looking for a COVID friendly way to get out and do some community service? Join us on April 17 at 9 AM in the parking lot behind Huck's Corner store at the corner of Algoma Avenue and 17 Mile Road. This is a church-wide, family friendly event for 12-years-old and older to participate. The more people we get, the shorter the time it will take to do it. Contact Tom Noreen for full details.

Missions Reminder: The rest of March Missions is UMCOR – Where needed Most. So if you don't specify a certain need on your offering, we will place it into the "Where Needed Most" area.

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.

Easter Flowers: Anyone who would be interested in purchasing an Easter Lily for the front of the church for Easter Service to please contact Pastor Larry. We would like six that we could use and then you can take back home after the service.



Good Friday -You are invited to join us on Friday, April 2nd at 7pm here at Cedar Springs United Methodist Church for a unique worship experience: Tenebrae – A Service of Shadows.

Sunrise Easter Service will be held at 7:30am outside at Kent City United Methodist Church, and folks from Cedar Springs UMC are invited to come and enjoy this service.

Easter Service here at Cedar Springs United Methodist Church will be at our regular time of 9:30am.

We are looking forward to enjoying Holy Week Services with all our family and friends. If you have any questions, please contact the office or Pastor Larry at pastorlarryfrench@gmail.com.

Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip: The Habitat Mission Trip for this summer is scheduled for the dates of June 6-12. We have moved it to an early date this year and want to get the word out and encourage anyone who is interested to please contact Tom Noreen with questions and to get more information. Email him at: tomnoreen@aol.com

Welcome: We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Treasurer, Lori Graham. Lori will begin training with Art Gerhardt this week. Her office hours will be established and we will announce them starting in April.

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Church Office Hours:

Phone Hours: Mon-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

In Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Pastor Larry's Office Hours:

Tuesday – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Thursday – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.