

**Cedar Springs  
United Methodist Church  
Sunday - April 11, 2021  
9:30 a.m.**



**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**Scripture:** 1 John 1-2:2 Janis Opperman

**Opening Prayer:** Janis Opperman

**Praise Song:** "Because He Lives" – Matt Maher

**Call to Worship:** Larry French

We gather as people on a journey.

**We believe & we have doubts,  
we do good & we sin.**

**We are imperfect humans,  
and still beloved by God.**

Love and grace. Hope and faith.

These are the essence of the one we call God.

**We seek forgiveness & grace from  
the One and from those we've harmed.**

Assured of that grace,  
we are ready to grow again.

**We yearn for a new way,  
a new perspective,  
and a clear path.**

Though we are full of trust  
and full of doubt, we are here.

Speak to us, God!  
Continue creating us!

**Inspire our hearts.  
Enlighten our minds.**

**Guide our actions. Amen.**

**Together with Kids:**

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

**Music:** "We Walk by Faith" (vs. 1-4 TFWS 2196)

**Scripture:** John 20:19-31 (NRSV) - Larry French

**Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

**Jesus and Thomas**

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin<sup>Ⓜ</sup>), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

**The Purpose of This Book**

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe<sup>Ⓜ</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah,<sup>Ⓜ</sup> the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Message:** "Easter is Only the Beginning!" - Pastor Larry French

**Music:** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (vs. 1-4)

**The Offering**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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**Worship Participants:**

Janis Opperman, Liturgist  
Larry French, Pastor

Bonnie Hitchingham, Music  
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
Steve Mueller	Jean Anderson	The Brook of C.S.-
Chris Segard	Jack Dunaven	Bev Wesche
Darcey Raymond	Jeff Hansen	Albert Abel
Keith Caldwell	Cathy Redman	Frances Abel
Judy Murray	Tim Price	Metron of C.S. -
Albert & Frances Abel	Randy Benedict	Rose Hunter
Woody & Jan Avis		
Gerry & Lois Collis		
Dan & Diane Christie		
Wayne & June Price		
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:** April 11, 18 and 24— our mission offering will go to Native American Ministries. Please refer to the April Chimes for details on April Mission giving.

**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.

**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](mailto:tomnoreen@aol.com)

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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.