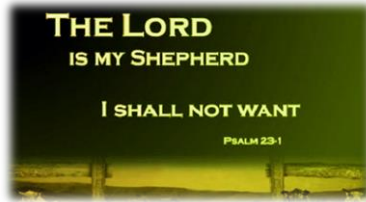


**Cedar Springs  
United Methodist Church  
Sunday - April 25, 2021  
9:30 a.m.**



**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**Scripture:** Psalm 23 – Rose Kempf

**Opening Prayer:** Rose Kempf

**Praise Song:** “Because He Lives” – Matt Maher

**Call to Worship:** Larry French

You, Lord, are the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.  
**Thank you, that you know me and call me by name.**

Thank you that you would search and search  
just for one missing sheep out of a hundred—  
even it were me— and not rest until it was back in the fold.

**And thank you, too, for the great words of the psalms, which comfort,  
challenge and inspire us.**

We shall not want, Lord, for we are yours,  
and you have given us what we need.

You have given us all we need.

**Thank you for green pastures.**

**Thank you for quiet waters.**

**Thank you for refreshing my soul.**

Even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will not fear.

**You, Lord, are my shepherd.**

**You have called me by name.**

**And you have searched, until you have found me. Enfold us in your  
love. Amen.**

**Together with Kids:**

“Jesus Loves Me! This I Know” (UMH 191, vs. 1) – Nancy Noreen

**Music:** “Lamb of God” (Vs. 1-3 TFWS 2113)

**Scripture:** John 10:11-18 (NRSV) - Larry French

<sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes<sup>[a]</sup> it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

**Message:** “What Does It Mean To Be ‘Good’?” - Pastor Larry French

**Community Prayers**

**Music:** “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (Vs. 1,3,4&5 UMH 57)

**The Offering**

**Send Off**

**Postlude**

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**Worship Participants:**

Rose Kempf, Liturgist

Larry French, Pastor

Bonnie Hitchingham, Music

Nancy Noreen, 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
Helen & Bud Gambee	Mark Price	The Brook of C.S.-
Steve Mueller	Family of Cindy Caldwell	Bev Wesche
Chris Segard	Jean Anderson	Albert Abel
Darcey Raymond	Jack Dunaven	Pilgrim Manor
Keith Caldwell	Jeff Hansen	Frances Abel
Judy Murray	Cathy Redman	Metron of C.S. -
Albert & Frances Abel	Tim Price	Rose Hunter
Woody & Jan Avis	Randy Benedict	
Gerry & Lois Collis		
Dan & Diane Christie		
Wayne & June Price		
Fred & Carollee Gunnell		

**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

**Thank You!** Kudos to Barb and Duffy Kilts for their hard work in cleaning and mulching the flower beds around the church. It looks wonderful! Thanks, too, to Jerry VanderWal, who has been quietly taking care of the church and parsonage grounds for years, and recently passed the torch Barb and Duffy. We'd also like to thank Janis and Ivan Opperman (Shaner Nursery) for donating the mulch. It takes a lot of people with different talents to keep a church functioning, and we appreciate all the volunteer support that we have. If you'd like to help, too, let the office know. There are plenty of jobs to go around!

**Missions Reminder:** April 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.

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**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.

Treasurer's Hours: Thursdays – 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.

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