

**Cedar Springs  
United Methodist Church  
Sunday – May 30, 2021  
9:30 a.m.**



**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**Scripture:** Psalm 29 – Nancy Nielsen

**Opening Prayer:** Nancy Nielsen

**Praise Song:** “Holy Water” – We The Kingdom

**Call to Worship:** Larry French

The words God speaks  
**are the life and sustenance  
of all that exists.**

The life Jesus gives  
**is the re-creation and renewed birth  
of all that is broken and worn.**

The Spirit’s stirring in our souls  
**is the inspiration for creativity,  
compassion, joy, and community.**

Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God;  
may our whole lives be worship.

**In all things, may we seek to connect with  
and to reflect your love and your hope.**

**Together with Kids/Graduation Sunday:**

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

**Hymn:** “Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us” (vs. 1-4, UMH #331)

**Scripture:** John 3:1-17 (NRSV) – Larry French

**Nicodemus Visits Jesus**

**3** Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. **2** He came to Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” **3** Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”<sup>[b]</sup> **4** Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” **5** Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. **6** What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.<sup>[c]</sup> **7** Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You<sup>[d]</sup> must be born from above.’<sup>[e]</sup> **8** The wind<sup>[f]</sup> blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” **9** Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” **10** Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

**11** “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you<sup>[g]</sup> do not receive our testimony. **12** If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? **13** No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>[h]</sup> **14** And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.<sup>[i]</sup>

**16** “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

**17** “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Message:** “Nic At Night” - Pastor Larry French

**Community Prayers**

**Hymn:** “Lift High, the Cross” (vs. 1-4, UMH #159)

**The Offering**

**Send Off**

**Postlude**

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**Worship Participants:**

Nancy Nielsen, 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 remain on the prayer list for 1 month unless notified. Thank you.

Members	Friends	In Care Facilities
Helen & Bud Gамbee	Mark Schumann	The Brook of C.S.-
Steve & Karen Mueller	Pastor Larry & Sharon	Bev Wesche
Darcey Raymond	John Drier	Albert Abel
Woody & Jan Avis	Jean Matthews	Pilgrim Manor
Gerry & Lois Collis	Mark Schumann	Frances Abel
Dan & Diane Christie	Judy Mayfield	Metron of C.S. -
Wayne & June Price	Bill Benson	Rose Hunter
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Tim Price	
	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)
James & Jackie (Champion) Finley		
Ben & Sarah (Noreen) Smith- Kate, Jessica		

**Sympathy** to Tim & Jennifer August and family on the passing of Tim's stepdad. Please keep their family in your prayers.

## Church News

**Farewell Celebration:** There will be a Farewell Celebration-Light Luncheon for Pastor Larry following Worship on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall/outside. We will be collecting a love offering for a gift to present to him during the celebration. If you wish to give a love offering, please mark your check message area "Love Offering" and return to the office by June 6.

We also are requesting RSVP for the number attending. Please contact the office by phone (616)696-1140 or email: [office@cedarspringsumc.org](mailto:office@cedarspringsumc.org) by June 7<sup>th</sup> with the number of people in your family who will be attending. Thank you.

**Missions Reminder:** The Mission Committee has earmarked May's designated offerings for mission trips. Please prayerfully consider supporting our mission projects by donating during the month of May. Please refer to the May Chimes for details on May Mission giving.

**Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip:** The Habitat Mission Trip for this summer is

scheduled for the dates of June 6-12. They will be leaving next Sunday, so be sure to add our volunteer group to your prayers. If anyone would like to donate food items towards their meals, please contact Tom Noreen with questions and to get more information. Email him at: [tomnoreen@aol.com](mailto:tomnoreen@aol.com)

**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.

**Greeters** - If you are available and can volunteer as a greeter/temp. check person for Sunday Worship in June or July, please contact Valerie Drier @ [valeriedrier@gmail.com](mailto:valeriedrier@gmail.com).

**Church Task Force Update:** Our Task Force met and the following updates were agreed upon to our guidelines for keeping members safe:

**Sunday Worship:** north church doors will now be open and greeters will be located outside of the Sanctuary to mark attendance for tracing ability & year end reports. There will no longer be temperature checks. At this time masks will remain on during Worship until the Task Force meets again in June. Thank you everyone for following these guidelines and keeping each other safe and healthy.

**Small Church Groups:** Can now meet again in the church fellowship hall – you must contact the church office to schedule on the calendar your meetings.

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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.