

**Cedar Springs
United Methodist Church
Sunday – June 13, 2021
9:30 a.m.**



Prelude

Greeting

Scripture: Psalm 20 – Sue Harrison

Opening Prayer: Sue Harrison

Praise Songs: Chancel Choir

“We Have Come This Far by Faith”
“Hymn of Promise”

Call to Worship
Larry French

Called to be branches in Christ’s body,
we yearn to be connected to the vine.

Called to be mustard bushes
offering shade to God’s creatures,
we search for places to plant the seeds of faith.

Called to be growing with God
in the midst of this world’s painful questions,
we seek God’s nurturing presence.

Together with Kids: The Scott Family

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

Hymn: “Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart” (vs. 1,3 & 5 - UMH #160)

Scripture: Mark 4:26-34 (NRSV) – Larry French

The Parable of the Growing Seed

²⁶ He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

The Use of Parables

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Message: “Rest in the Shade of God’s Word”
Pastor Larry French

Community Prayers

Hymn: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
(vs. 1,2 & 4 – UMH #154)

The Offering

Send Off

Special Hymn: “Til We Meet Again” (vs 1 – UMH #672)

Postlude

Worship Participants:

Sue Harrison, Liturgist
Larry French, Pastor

Bonnie Hitchingham, 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 remain on the prayer list for 1 month unless notified. Thank you.

Members	Friends	In Care Facilities
Helen & Bud Gambée	Tim & Jennifer August family	The Brook of C.S.-
Steve & Karen Mueller	Mark Schumann	Bev Wesche
Darcey Raymond	Pastor Larry & Sharon	Albert Abel
Woody & Jan Avis	John Drier	Pilgrim Manor
Gerry & Lois Collis	Tim Price	Frances Abel
Dan & Diane Christie	Randy Benedict	Metron of C.S. -
Wayne & June Price		Rose Hunter
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

Audio/Video Techs Needed:

We are still in need of persons who can run the Sunday Proclaim video program during worship. If you are interested in learning how to do this and can volunteer for some Sundays, please contact Tim Scott and he will answer any questions.

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.

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.

Giving Statements:

We will be mailing out Giving Statements next week. These statements will cover offerings received from January through the first Sunday in June. If you have any questions about your statement, or if you do not receive it in the mail by June 20, please contact Jennifer in the church office.

Contact Information

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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.