

**Cedar Park First United Methodist Church
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

July 5, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

GREETING

Sing praises to the Lord,
And give thanks to God's holy name!

Weeping may linger for the night,
But at dawn there is rejoicing.

God turns our mourning into dancing;
We give thanks to the Lord for ever.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* UMH 400

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *"Jesus in the Morning"*
**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus at the noontime.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.**

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Mighty God: the earth is yours and the nations are your people.
Take away our pride and bring to mind your goodness,
so that, living together in this land, we may enjoy your gifts and be thankful.
Amen

For clouded mountains, fields and woodland; for shoreline and running streams;
for all that makes our nation good and lovely;
We thank you, God.

For farms and villages where food is gathered to feed our people;
We thank you, God.

For cities where people talk and work together in factories, shops, or schools
to shape those things we need for living;
We thank you, God.

For explorers, planners, statesmen; for prophets who speak out,
and for silent faithful people; for all who love our land and guard our freedom;
We thank you, God.

For vision to see your purpose hidden in our nation's history,
and courage to seek it in love given and received;
We thank you, God.

O God: your justice is like rock, and your mercy like pure flowing water.
Judge and forgive us. If we have turned from you, return us to your way;
for without you we are a lost people.
Amen

From brassy patriotism and a blind trust in power;
Deliver us, O God.

From public deceptions that weaken trust;
from self-seeking in high political places;
Deliver us, O God.

From divisions among us of class or race; from wealth that will not share,
and poverty that feeds on the food of bitterness;
Deliver us, O God.

From neglecting rights; from overlooking the hurt, the imprisoned,
and the needy among us;
Deliver us, O God.

From a lack of concern for other lands and peoples;
from narrowness of national purpose;
from failure to welcome the peace you promise on earth;
Deliver us, O God.

Eternal God: before you nations rise and fall; they grow strong or wither
by your design. Help us to repent of our country's wrong, and to choose
your right in reunion and renewal.
Amen

Give us a glimpse of the Holy City you are bringing to earth,
where death and pain and crying will be gone away,
and nations will gather in the light of your presence.
Great God, renew this nation.

Teach us peace, so that we may plow up battlefields and pound weapons
into building tools, and learn to talk across old boundaries
as brothers and sisters in your love.
Great God, renew this nation.

Talk sense to us, so that we may wisely end all prejudice, and may put a stop to cruelty, which divides or wounds the human family.

Great God, renew this nation.

Draw us together as one people who do your will, so that our land may be a light to nations, leading the way to your promised kingdom which is coming among us.

Great God, renew this nation.

Great God, eternal Lord: long years ago you gave our ancestors this land as a home for the free. Show us there is no law or liberty apart from you; and let us serve you modestly, as devoted people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

HYMN

"America"

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 7:15-25a

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People's response: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

UMH 697

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People's response: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Let Us Pray...

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Columbia, Ecuador, Venezuela
All those affected by the coronavirus

For our family and friends:

Don Seward	Glenda Goss	Clunie Van Rensburg
Cilla Gregory	Charley Gray	Mary Linda and Adalid Verastegui
Carol Slater	Grover Williams	Miranda Smith Williams
Andy Carver	Sterling and Marilyn Hartman	
Tarren Kingsley (Glenda Morrison's son-in-law)		Erin Koeppen (Glenda's granddaughter)
Linda Howard (Steve's wife)		Pam Packard (Sue Sidney's sister)
Sandy Beville (Karen Packard's cousin)		Connie Kohl (Karen Packard's sister)
Brice Bridges (Sally Johnson's great-grandson)		Kim Eng (Pauline's daughter)
Bogi Bogart-Thorpe (Suzette's mother)		Neta Sowder (Pat's sister-in-law)
Poppie Swart (Corrie Van Rensburg's sister)		Luan Truter (Poppie's grandson)
Debbie Ozolins and Peggy MacWilliams (Sue Sidney's cousins)		
Kristy Buchak (Marc and Dorothy Hall's daughter)		
Par Keys' sister Roberta, cousin Gayle, and sister-in-law Sue		
Ruth Gray's sister Cynthia's son-in-law Lando		
Karen and Bob Bowker's nephew Jeffrey		
Sergio Longoria's colleagues Dr. Radasky and Don Heiman		
Sergio's friend Jim Jenkins		
Glenda Morrison's brother-in-law Jim and sister-in-law Karen		
Karen Goodman's brother Tim's family		

PRAYER SONG

"Your Word, O Lord"

**Your word, O Lord, is a light.
My God, enlighten my darkness.
O Lord, my God, enlighten my darkness.**

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MISSION MOMENT

SOUL LIFT

Jodi and Audrey Blount

HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

SINGING THE SHALOM

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This week at Cedar Park First UMC

SUNDAY, July 5th

- 9:00am Children's Sunday school class via Zoom
- 10:00am Livestream Worship Service on Facebook
- 1:00pm Adult Bible study on the **Book of Daniel** led by Todd Greer via Zoom
- 4:00pm NO Youth Worship

MONDAY, July 6th

- 9:00am Tea Time with Pastor Suzette on Facebook
- 6:30pm Trustees meet via Zoom

TUESDAY, July 7th

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:00am Bible discussion group via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, July 8th

- 8:30am Men's "Red Shirt" Fellowship via Zoom (contact Dave Sidney to attend)
- Noon Methodist Reading Club discusses *Tilly and the Crazy Eights* via Zoom
- 8:00pm Youth Midweek Manna (30-minute check-in with Pastor Suzette via Zoom)

SUNDAY, July 12th-WEDNESDAY, July 15th

6 CPFUMC youths and 3 adults are planning to do UMARMY as a LOCAL mission trip during these 4 days. We will be serving at Hill Country Community Ministries, and Montopolis Friendship Community Center. We will be building shade structures for both the playground and the gathering area, painting a mural, building community garden beds, mowing, and sorting items for the two thrift stores.

We are in need of sponsors for each youth and adult worker at \$99 each (3 of the 9 are already paid for by generous church members). We are also in need of funds for materials to build the garden beds, and shade coverings (we already have about \$1000 in in-kind donations for one of the shade areas; this week we will be compiling the cost of concrete, wood, nails, etc.). Please email Pastor Suzette (suzette@cpfumc.org) if you are interested in being a part of the mission team financially.

Currently, we are the **ONLY** mission team **in Texas (!)**; we are still recruiting our sister churches but for NOW – YOUR YOUTH are the ones stepping forward. Please consider supporting us.