



Cicero
United Methodist Church
May 29, 2022



**** Please stand as you are able***

***Welcoming music**

“Celebrate Jesus”

Greeting

Young Christians’ Time

Announcements

***Call to Worship**

We are God's work of art,

Each one a precious gem, a marvelous tapestry, a potter's delight.

We are God's handiwork, reborn in Christ Jesus to be a blessing,

**Every one of us, woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion,
painted with incredible beauty.**

We are God's creation,

All of us, touched by grace, saved by faith and beckoned to praise.

Special Music

“At The Cross”

Performed by the Chancel Choir, Led by Nancy Congdon

Giving Time

Offertory

*Doxology

*Dedication

Call to Prayer *"You Are My All in All"*

Prayers of the People

In this Easter season, we celebrate the many gifts you bestow upon your people. We also reflect upon the challenging call to live as a new creation in Christ. Recognizing both the blessing and call to service in Christ's resurrection, we pray saying, "Christ is risen" and respond, "Christ is risen indeed."

God of the church, your apostles were persecuted for the sake of the gospel. Such suffering continues today in the face of human cruelty and intolerance. We pray for all who are persecuted for the sake of their faith and political beliefs. Strengthen the work of organizations such as Amnesty International that seek to disclose and put an end to these great injustices.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

God of righteousness, empower us weak-willed human beings to be faithful to the promises made in affirming our baptisms: to reject Satan and all his empty promises. Help us to discern your will from our own selfish desires.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

God of justice, your Son began his ministry proclaiming the arrival of the Kingdom of God, in which the blind are given sight and the oppressed released from bondage. Give us grace to enact the vision of that kingdom, by living lives of service that are dedicated to justice.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

God of the weak, be with those who suffer and their friends and families who keep vigil with them. We remember _____ in our prayers.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

God of all people, it is both a gift and a responsibility to have Christ dwelling in us. Let us be truly grateful and willing to live as one with the Lord.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Hear our prayers, Heavenly Father, considering all things spoken and unspoken. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

May we hang our heads in prayer. For little boys who are given live ammunition and forced to fight wars that someone else started. For little

girls who are dressed up and painted up as women of pleasure for children who work their way through childhood without play.

(Silence)

May we hang our heads in prayer. For released ex-offenders with no safe place to go -- not even the local church. For every person who suffers in silence with an addiction, or an HIV diagnosis, or a heart-wounding secret that can never be told.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy, upon the exploited and suffering peoples of the world

Lord, have mercy, upon all who have lost hope

Forgive us, Lord, for turning our heads and pretending not to notice

Forgive us, Lord, for the complicity of silence

Forgive us, Lord, for neglecting to disturb the city on behalf of children in harm's way.

(Silence)

From the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's "Lift Up Your Hearts" archive.
<http://www.worship.ca/>

Our Petitions and Celebrations

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father who art in heaven...Amen.

***Music to welcome scripture** *“Make Me A Servant”*

TFWS #2176

Scripture

Acts 16:16-34
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Ellie Stivers

Response to the reading:

These are God’s inspired words for us,
the beloved people of God.

Thanks be to God. AMEN

Message

Rev. Susan Ranous

***Closing Music**

“It Is Well With My Soul”

UMH #377

***Blessing**

***Sending Music**

“God So Loved”

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Diane's office hours are Wednesdays 10:30-1:00.

Appointments are appreciated but not necessary. Cell: 315-532-3354

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ANNOUNCING OUR MISSION FIELD OPPORTUNITIES

Medical Equipment: If you need a wheelchair or other medical equipment, please give Norm Barkley a call at (315) 699-4155. Norm will be happy to meet you at the church storage area off the parking lot to see what medical equipment is available for loan.

Outreach Information: Please remember to pick up a jar of peanut butter, box of macaroni and cheese, canned pasta, or any nonperishable food for our hungry brothers and sisters. These items can be put in the grocery cart in the Narthex which will go to Brown Memorial or Mission Central's blessing box. Many blessings and thank you!

Confirmation Class: Young persons in 6th grade and above are invited to participate in our formal and informal Confirmation Program leading to church membership. Confirmands are matched with adult mentors for group learning sessions, community activities and one-to-one experiences. Contact Sue Bonspille through the church office for more information.

Red Bird Mission Trip Youth and Adult Trip Planned for August 6 - 13

Youth and adults are invited to join the seven folks already signed up for a trip to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky this summer! Red Bird Mission offers a chance to learn new skills, make new friends and stretch our faith in taking on repair projects for nearby residents and at the Mission itself. The busy week will include the actual repair work selected for our group plus evening programs, worship, music, Biblical messages, and daily devotions. We leave on Saturday the 6th, overnight along the way and begin our work on Sunday through Friday. We get back on Saturday the 13th. Planning meetings and fundraisers will be held throughout the period leading up to the trip. The registration is \$425 although fundraising is planned to lower that amount. Contact Sue Bonspille or Mike Irwin through the church office for more information on this remarkable, life-changing opportunity!

Refugee Resettlement Ministry – sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center. We have heard from Interfaith Works that we have been assigned a refugee family!

Youth Sunday June 12th – Children will be conducting the Service. Followed by a Cookie and Punch reception

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Teen CanTeen – See Diane Ilaqua for how you can help

UMCOR for Ukraine - By check made out to Global Ministries/**UMCOR** with “Advance #982450-**Ukraine**” written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/**UMCOR**, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church; One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

Church Camp - For years, **our Church Family, at CUMC**, has seen our youth head off to **Camp Casowasco or Aldersgate**. We have had the pleasure of witnessing the positive impact these camps have on our youth.

With the help of donations made to the CUMC Campership Fund, we will be able to pay 1/3 of the Casowasco cost. Camp Casowasco currently has Scholarship Funds available to pay an additional 1/3 of the campership. Families or sponsors are asked to pay 1/3 of the cost or 2/3 if possible.

Campership funding is also available, from this same fund, to pay part of the cost for Camp Aldersgate.

We look forward to seeing our youth head off to camp this summer. Please visit the Camp Casowasco or Aldersgate websites (www.casowasco.org or <https://aldersgate.org>). **Additional information is available from the members of our Christian Education Team or Mike Janisch (315-663-6126).**

CUMC HAS A NEW MAILBOX AT THE CHURCH:

Please Note the change of address is as follows:

Cicero United Methodist Church

8416 Brewerton Road

Cicero, NY 13039

OUR WORSHIP MINISTRY PARTNERS

Worship is prepared and staffed by:

Music Ministry Team: Nancy Congdon, Ben Shearer, Praise Singers

Camera Operator: Joe Finch

Sound Technician: Tim Gauthier; Rick Rudmann

Tech consultant: Rob Smith

Worship Team: Deb Irwin, Nancy Congdon, April Smith, Jan Cerimeli, Jeanette Elwood, Cindy Brink, Sue Werner

Administrative Assistant: Mary Slack-Nolan

Sunday School is staffed by:

Sue Bonspille, *director*; Vicky Moore, Linda Bouwens, Christine Burton, Rachel Panek, Sarah Jones, Alyssa Dunsmoor, Stephanie Lotts, Larry Bonspille, Emily Bush, Susan Coulter, *teachers*.

The Nursery is staffed by:

Jennifer George & Jennifer Meyer

Interim Co-pastors

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-Exit off I-81 at Cicero, take Rt 31 West to Rt 11 North-
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We are handicap accessible with ample parking near each entrance.

Our greeters will gladly provide directions.

