

Cedar Hills United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey
you're welcome here!



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PRELUDE

Colin Shepard

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Mary Sue Evers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Sue Evers

The joy of our God be with you all.

Here we take time to steep ourselves in God:

to pause and praise,

to think and thank,

to listen and learn,

to unburden and forgive.

We take time to allow ourselves to be

loved and cherished by our God who

loves us with an unshakeable love.

Amen and amen!

HYMN #4 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You v. 1-2

**PASSING OF THE PEACE,
LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

Rev. JJ Crow
Berkeley Harper

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of peace. As Berkeley Harper lights our peace candle and you light your candles in your own homes, we commit ourselves to the world

transforming peace of Christ and offer that peace to one another, greeting one another at home and through our screens with Christian love.

CHILDREN'S GREETING

JJ Crow

Leaders: I will sing of your love love love, of your steadfast love for as long as I live

All: *And I will sing of your love love love, for as long as I live.*

After the children's greeting, children are invited to experience a Godly Play lesson. The link is at chucc.org, on our Facebook page and here: <https://youtu.be/SEMqZsjDjUo>.

Children are encouraged to join us for communion and after worship, to join us over Zoom!

PRAYER OF UNBURDENING

JJ Crow

Beloved God, we sing songs about newness, light candles for peace, and long for a transformed world where justice rolls like mighty waters. We yearn for harmony in our homes and for serenity in the midst of struggle. Yet we confess that we are often anxious; we do not trust each other, we harbor fear. Merciful God, look upon us with kindness and grace. Move in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths wherever they may lead us *(silent prayer)*....

ASSURANCE OF GRACE JJ Crow
CENTERING TIME Down to the River to Pray Lizzie Soper, Colin Shepard

BIBLE BACKGROUND Mary Sue Evers

SCRIPTURE, CONTEMPORARY READING JJ Crow
John 15:12-21, 2 Timothy 1:3-7
Keep Walking - *Jalal ad-Din Rumi*

SERMON The Spirituality of Waiting: Rekindling Our Courage
Mary Sue Evers

SPECIAL MUSIC Bridge Over Troubled Water *Paul Simon* Lizzie Soper, Colin Shepard

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE JJ Crow

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father and Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING INVITATION Mary Sue Evers

CHORAL OFFERING Jesus Christ the Apple Tree Choir

OFFERING PRAYER JJ Crow

**Beckoning God, stir us with a holy discontent over a world which gives its gifts to
those who have plenty already. Help us to share our resources with those who have
little and to receive with humility the gifts they offer us. Amen.**

HYMN #4 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You v. 3-4

BENEDICTION JJ Crow

POSTLUDE Colin Shepard

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Minister: Every Member ~ Senior Pastor: Rev. Mary Sue Evers
Associate Pastor of Faith Formation: Rev. JJ Crow
Director of Faith Formation: Amy Norden ~ Music Director: Colin Shepard
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