

# *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!*



*November 22, 2020  
Thanksgiving Sunday*

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**PRELUDE**

Colin Shepard

**LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

Rev. Mary Sue Evers

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mary Sue Evers

The new day reveals itself in every moment, and by the grace of God all things are made possible. Come, let us give thanks!

**We give thanks to you, blessed, mysterious Life-giver,  
for one more day to experience the miracle of creation.**

**With every breath we remember that life is a gift, and we give thanks.**

With every step we know the wonder of walking on the Earth,  
and we give thanks.

**With every word we affirm your transforming love for each of us,  
and we give thanks.**

Holy Beloved, through you all things are made new.

Creation is full of your glory --

**and we give thanks!**

**HYMN SPP #89 Ground and Source of All That Is v. 1, 2**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. JJ Crow

**LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE**

Timber Rain

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of peace. As Timber Rain 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.

**HYMN SPP #89 Ground and Source of All That Is v. 3, 5**

**INVOCATION**

JJ Crow

**O God of never-ceasing wonder, isn't your creation wasteful? Fruits never equal the seedlings' abundance. Springs scatter water. The sun gives out enormous light. May your bounty teach us greatness of heart. May your magnificence expand our gratitude. Seeing you a prodigal and open-handed giver, we respond in heart and mind and soul with unstinting joy. Amen.**

from Helder Camara, Brazil

**CHILDREN'S GREETING**

JJ Crow

***Sing and rejoice, sing and rejoice, let all things living, now, sing and rejoice. Alleluia! Alleluia! Peace and goodwill to all, peace and goodwill!***

*After the children's greeting, children are invited to experience a Godly Play lesson. The link is at [chucc.org](http://chucc.org) and on our Facebook page. Children are encouraged to join us after worship over Zoom!*

**CENTERING TIME**

Lizzie Soper, Colin Shepard

**BIBLE BACKGROUND**

Mary Sue Evers

SCRIPTURE                      John 1:1-5, 3:19-21, 21:25                      JJ Crow  
CONTEMPORARY READING From John Robinson's parting sermon to the Pilgrims,  
as remembered in "Winslow's Brief Narration" and lightly updated:

The Lord knoweth whether ever I should live to see your faces again. But whether the Lord has appointed it or not, I charge you before God and his blessed angels, to follow me no further than I have followed Christ; and if God should reveal any thing to you by any other instrument, be as ready to receive it as ever you were to receive any truth by my ministry; for I am very confident that there is yet more light and truth to break forth from God's holy word.

SERMON                      Pilgrim Past and Pilgrim Promise                      Mary Sue Evers

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**                      Mary Sue Evers  
**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**HYMN #316                      We Limit Not the Truth of God**

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                      JJ Crow  
CHORAL MUSIC                      Grace      *Tilson Thomas*                      Jena Viemeister

**OFFERING PRAYER**                      JJ Crow  
**Loving God, from gift to gift, from grace to grace, our gifts are only gifts of yours returned. Receive them in the name of Jesus our Christ. Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN #419      Now Thank We All Our God**

**BENEDICTION**                      Mary Sue Evers

**POSTLUDE**                      Colin Shepard

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  
Moderators: Heidi Evans, Jody Harper, Laura Baldschun  
Office Administrator: Allison Neal



