

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!



*Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings of eagles,
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

**February 21, 2021
First Sunday in Lent**

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PRELUDE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Colin Shepherd
Rev. Mary Sue Evers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Sue Evers

What does this worship service need?

**Quiet where faith can grow, music that nourishes hope,
honest words to untangle a small length of our complicated existence,
gifts offering service of the heart.**

Who shall come to this worship service?

All who seek grace in the center of their lives and are eager for the touch of God.

OPENING HYMN Spirit, Open My Heart

PASSING OF THE PEACE and LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

Steve Thieme

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of peace. As one of the children of the church 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.

INVOCATION

Steve Thieme

**O God, we look and listen for a word from you
that will give us courage,
that will give us a point of view which is more than our own,
that will give us strength for the journey,
for however long the journey will be.
Help us to walk faithfully not minding the far-away scene,
but willing to take one step at a time. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S GREETING

Mary Sue Evers

Never Give Up *Rollo Dilworth*

Virtual Choir

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

INVITATION TO CENTERING

Mary Sue Evers

CENTERING TIME Adoration *Florence Price*

Ginny Maffit, Colin Shepherd

BIBLE BACKGROUND

Mary Sue Evers

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:21-31

Steve Thieme

SERMON I Don't Feel No Ways Tired
Rev. Jacqueline J. Lewis, Ph.D., Middle Collegiate Church, New York City

SPECIAL MUSIC Precious Lord, Take My Hand Sterling Roberts

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Mary Sue Evers

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 Steve Thieme

CHORAL OFFERTORY Someone Asked the Question Virtual Choir

Join in on the chorus -

*I sing because I'm happy! I sing because I'm free!
God's eye is on the sparrow – that's the reason that I sing.
Glory hallelujah, you're the reason that I sing.*

OFFERING PRAYER Steve Thieme

God of bulldog love that will not let us go, help us be true to ourselves as we begin to understand that your grace is sufficient for all things, and your presence the source of all joy. Amen

HYMN SPP #2 Glory, Glory Hallelujah v. 1,2,3,6

BLESSING Mary Sue Evers

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