

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 are welcome here!*



Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021

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PRELUDE
WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Colin Shepard
Rev. Mary Sue Evers

CENTERING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Sue Evers

You are generous to us, dear Lord;
You have taught our souls to trust you.

We have crept beside you and found shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Our great joy, O God, is to praise you;

We will sing and awaken the dawn.

Your light is higher than the heavens, deeper than the mind can plunge.

You are truth itself, and your grandeur is spread over all the earth.

HYMN Morning Has Broken

INVOCATION

Eileen Behnke

Beloved Spirit, blow in our lives this day. Clear out the cobwebs of closed minds and timid ideas. Fill us with the freshness of your living love. Cleanse and renew us that we might go from this place ready to be your people in the world. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Eileen Behnke

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.

CHILDREN'S GREETING

Mary Sue Evers

I will sing of your love love love, of your steadfast love for as long as I live,
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 and on our Facebook page. Children are encouraged to join us after worship over Zoom.

BIBLE BACKGROUND

Mary Sue Evers

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31

SERMON Living the Questions, Loving the Mystery

Mary Sue Evers

SPECIAL MUSIC

Colin Shepard, Lizzie Soper

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

Eileen Behnke

HYMN #256 We Live by Faith and Not by Sight v. 1-2

OFFERING PRAYER

Mary Sue Evers

**O Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our
intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy
of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world.
Amen.**

HYMN #256 We Live by Faith and Not by Sight v. 3-4

BLESSING

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Please join us immediately following worship in Zoom as we receive Amy Sakurai into membership.

<p><i>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, Ruth Schleyer Office Administrator: Allison Neal</i></p>
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*central pacific conference
room worship
april 11th 10am pt/11am mt*

A photograph showing several hands clasped together in a gesture of prayer or support. The hands are of various skin tones and are positioned in the lower half of the frame, with the fingers interlaced. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting with foliage.