

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!



May 2, 2021
Communion Sunday

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PRELUDE

Colin Shepherd

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. JJ Crow

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

Ann Farley

God You are with us here in this place and time.

We breathe you in and breathe you out.

There has never been a time you weren't with us.

We breathe you in and we breathe you out.

You will be with us into the future without exception.

We breathe you in and we breathe you out.

Thank you. Amen

Amen.

HYMN #164 Arise, Your Light Has Come

PASSING OF THE PEACE and LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

Ann Farley

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of peace. As candle lighters light 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

This Pretty Planet *by Tom Chapin*

JJ Crow
Virtual Choir

This pretty planet spinning through space,

You're a garden, you're a harbor,

You're a holy place,

Golden sun going down,

Gentle blue giant spin us around.

All through the night, safe 'til the morning light.

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

JJ Crow

CENTERING TIME

Colin Shepherd

BIBLE and SERMON INTRODUCTION
SCRIPTURE

JJ Crow
Ann Farley

Matthew 22:35-40, Mark 12:28-31, Luke 10:25-28, Leviticus 19:18, Deuteronomy 6:4-5

SERMON We Need Your Light to Shine Bishop Michael Curry

HYMN # 524 This Little Light of Mine

OFFERING INVITATION Ann Farley

OFFERTORY I'll Follow You Into the Dark Colin Shepard

OFFERING PRAYER Ann Farley

God, bless these gifts that in this place shelter may be offered,
diversity welcomed, hard times weathered, rainbows recognized. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Ann Farley

As we prepare our elements for communion, now is a good time to remember that an English muffin can become a sacrament, and a cup of water or tea can become a remembrance of God's redeeming love. As always, all who seek to share in the presence of Christ are welcome at this table with its symbols of God's love and grace.

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.**

WORDS OF REMEMBERING Ann Farley, JJ Crow

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the bread of heaven.
We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

Let us with our many needs and many blessings, receive the gift of God, the cup of blessing.
We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING JJ Crow

Thank you God, for being God. Thank you for loving your Creation. Thank you for seeking us even when we feel lost. Thank you for your unceasing Love that is our strength. Amen.

HYMN #584 I Am the Light of the World

BLESSING JJ Crow

POSTLUDE Colin Shepard

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