

# *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

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Mary Sue Evers

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ann Farley

Praise God with clapping hands;  
praise God with hands comforting a child.

**Praise God with silent hearts;  
praise God with hearts broken for the world.**

Praise God with electric guitars;  
praise God with soft piano chords.

**Praise God with be-bop and hip-hop;  
praise God with rhythms that don't stop.**

Praise God with a hallelujah chorus;  
praise God with a Gregorian chant.

**Praise God with dancing steps;  
praise God with feet walking for justice.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #4 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You v. 1-3**

*Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, God of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.*

*You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;  
Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Ann Farley

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of peace. As we light our peace candle, we commit ourselves to that world-transforming peace and offer the peace of Christ to one another, greeting one another (in our homes and through our screens) with Christian love.

**\*MUSICAL RESPONSE**

*Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
Boundless love is reigning o'er us, reconciling race and clan.  
Ever singing; move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.*

**INVOCATION**

Ann Farley

**Gracious God, accept our morning song of praise: for this dawn's rose-hued light, for this day's blue-green planet spin, for this morning's gift of singing returning to us after a long night. Accept our morning prayer of petition for light to shine: on this day's hidden wound, on this day's tight-shouldered stress, on this day's anguish and despair, and on all your many children living under the sun. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S GREETING #SPP 121**

Mary Sue Evers

*We are all one in God, who made us one family.  
We are all one in Christ, who set us all free.  
Come Holy Spirit come, to bind us in faith and love.  
Come Holy Spirit come, and show us the way.*

Children are invited to come forward for the children's moment, or if at home, to experience a Godly Play lesson. The link is at [chucc.org](http://chucc.org) and on our Facebook page.

**BIBLE BACKGROUND**

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**SCRIPTURE**

1 Samuel 16:14-23, Mark 14:22-26

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**SERMON**

The Healing Power of Music

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**HYMN #179**

**We Yearn, O Christ for Wholeness v. 2-3**

*We long to have companions who travel by our side,  
Strong friends to call and answer with whom we are allied;  
As we lift up each other when struggles lay us low,  
Community develops; our faith and caring grow.*

*We need your living presence, O Christ of Galilee,  
A presence that revives us and sets our spirits free.  
No longer are we fearful, your love pervades each place.  
Empower us with courage to claim your healing grace.*

**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.**

**\*HYMN #419            Now Thank We All Our God v. 1 and 2**

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wonderous things has done, in whom this world rejoices,  
Who, from our parents' arms, has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

BLESSING

Mary Sue Evers

POSTLUDE

Colin Shepard

<p>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: Ruth Schleyer, Steve Thieme, Heidi Evans, Office Administrator: Allison Neal</p>
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We invite you to write your questions, concerns or other comments about the Proposed Fall Schedule below. You may also send an email to [office@chucc.org](mailto:office@chucc.org) if you prefer.

**Questions?**

**Concerns?**

**Benefits?**

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