

# *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**

Diane Downs

Come to experience the holiness of God

**in the wonder of creation**

**in endless sky and sea,**

**in breathless beauty and quiet breath,**

**in acts of courage and silent heart.**

Come to know Jesus as a gateway into God

**in gifts of healing and liberations of life,**

**in recognitions of love and callings to serve,**

**in sufferings for others and glimpses of grace.**

Come to live from God's Spirit

**in moments of faith,**

**in dreams beyond hoping,**

**and in rhythms of new energy.**

Come to name the God who is our center.

**to claim the goodness that is ours in God,**

**to live the love that lies at the heart of the gospel,**

**to know that we are not alone in our struggle**

**to be the church.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #28 For the Beauty of the Earth v. 1-3**

*For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,*

*For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,*

*God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,*

*Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,*

*God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,*

*Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,*

*God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Diane Downs

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**

*For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,*

*For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed,*

*God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

**INVOCATION**

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**Loving God, you are our shield and our joy; be present with us now. As we bring our troubled hearts and lagging spirits, revive us. As we bring our joys and praises, rejoice with us. As we bring our wonderings about the future, guide us. We come broken and whole, sorrowing and rejoicing. You welcome us home. Thanks be to God. 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**            John 12:20-26

**SERMON**                A Resurrected World

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**HYMN #238        Now the Green Blade Rises**

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain;  
Wheat that in dark earth for many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.*

*In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,  
Thinking that their Love would never wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.*

*Christ came forth at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus, who for three days in the grave had lain,  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.*

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 #478 I've Got Peace Like a River v. 1-3**

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (repeat)*

*I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (repeat)*

*I've got love like the ocean, I've got love like the ocean,  
I've got love like the ocean in my soul. (repeat)*

BLESSING

Mary Sue Evers

POSTLUDE

Colin Shepard

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<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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