

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!*



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PRELUDE

Colin Shepard

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. JJ Crow

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Sing! Prayer and Praise)

The Universe is bending, stretching long and stretching out,
embracing all our struggles with arms of Hope.

The Universe is bending, stretching long and stretching out,
and it's leading toward Whole-ness by the Clear Light of Love.

***OPENING HYMN SPP#1 Perpetual Praise**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

JJ Crow

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**

INVOCATION *from Emerge, Donna Schaper*

You have given us new meaning, O God, in the words “shortness of breath.”

Holy Spirit, draw near and relieve us of our hammers, our nails, our thorns, our self-punishments, our judgments of others.

Breathe a new breath in us, let it be fresher than mouthwash, more amusing than amazing. Take away from our shortness in spirit and add unconditional spaciousness.

Let us breathe easier, spiritually and physically.

CHILDREN’S GREETING

Breathe In, Breathe Out

When I breathe in, I breathe in peace!

When I breathe out, I breathe out love.

Children are invited to experience a Godly Play lesson. The link is at chucc.org and on our Facebook page.

BIBLE BACKGROUND

JJ Crow

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:17-1

JJ Crow

SERMON

Fear Knocks, We Say Hello

Emily Harper

HYMN #89 SPP

Ground and Source of All That Is vs. 1-2

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.

***HYMN #89 SPP**

Ground and Source of All That Is vs, 4-5

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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Colin Shepard

Minister: Every Member ~ Senior Pastor: Rev. Mary Sue Evers

Associate Pastor of Faith Formation: Rev. JJ Crow

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