

A few words about worshipping in person –

For the safety of the community and for love of neighbor, we ask that everyone wear masks at all times, covering both nose and mouth; and that everyone over twelve be vaccinated. We are welcome to sing, but please sing softly. A good test is to put your hand one inch from your mask and make sure no more air escapes when you are singing than when you are speaking.

By participating in this service you acknowledge that you may be visible on live broadcast or archived video, especially around the communion table and in the front rows on the left side of the sanctuary. If you are uncomfortable about the possibility of appearing on video, please ask a greeter to be reseated to a more private area. We try our best to avoid filming faces of the children.

*Childcare is available for infants and toddlers in the Education Building. Ask a greeter for directions. **Coloring and activity pages for the children** are refreshed each week and can be found in the basket in the entrance/narthex by the food shelf. Feel free to move to the couches or back pews if you'd like more room to move around, play on the farm rug or color on the floor. Children's chairs are on order!*

Education Time – Children are invited to Godly Play story time in Amistad Hall.

Adults are invited to:

Tai Chi Meditative Movement with Andrew Schwarzer in the Niebuhr Room,
Trying Times with Dietrich Bonhoeffer, with Dave Dodson over zoom and in the Brown Blackwell Room.

We invite you to support the mission and ministry of the church. You may give online at www.chucc.org or in person with cash or check in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Your presence here today is a blessing!

Minister: Every Member ~ Pastor: Mary Sue Evers ~ Sabbatical Pastor: Steve Hammond
Director of Faith Formation: Amy Norden ~ Music Director: Colin Shepard
Moderators: Ruth Schleyer, Steve Thieme, and Heidi Evans
Office Administrator: Allison Neal

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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*"If the only prayer you pray in your life is 'thank you,'
that would suffice."
Meister Eckhardt*

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PRELUDE
WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Colin Shepard
the Rev. Mary Sue Evers

CALL TO WORSHIP

the Rev. Steve Hammond

The new day reveals itself in every moment, and by the grace of God all things are made possible. Come, let us give thanks!
**We give thanks to you, blessed, mysterious Life-giver,
for one more day to experience the miracle of creation.**

With every breath we remember that life is a gift, and we give thanks.
**With every step we know the wonder of walking on the Earth,
and we give thanks.**

With every word we affirm your love for each of us, and we give thanks.
**Holy Beloved, through you all things are made new.
Creation is full of your glory, and we give thanks! Amen.**

***HYMN Creator, Redeemer, Dear Spirit of Grace**
(words by the late Rev. Lou Wargo, tune: St. Denio, #1)

*Creator, Redeemer, Dear Spirit of Grace,
We've all come together in this sacred place;
We differ as persons so, God, make us one
That working together, your will may be done.*

*You call us to mission, to love and to care,
To bring light to darkness and hope to despair
To lift up the fallen, the captive to free
That peace might encompass all humanity.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Steve Hammond

We light this peace candle committing ourselves to the peace that Jesus taught and lived. And now we offer that peace to one another, just as the risen Christ greeted his disciples, saying, "Peace be with you." Let us greet one another here, at home, and through our screens in mutual love.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

*Together we worship, together we sing;
Together we offer the gifts each one brings.*

*We're one in Christ's body; for that we give praise
And ask for your guidance in living these days.*

INVOCATION

Steve Hammond

God of bulldog love that will not let us go, help us be true to ourselves as we begin to understand that your grace is sufficient for all things, and your presence the source of all joy. Amen

CHORAL SURPRISE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND BIBLE BLESSING

Mary Sue Evers and Steve Hammond

*Sing and rejoice, sing and rejoice, let all things living, now, sing and rejoice.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Peace and goodwill to all, peace and goodwill!*

Children are invited to remain in worship (Childcare is available for infants and toddlers in the Education Building). After worship children are invited to Amistad Hall for Sunday School. If you are worshipping with us at home, you will find the link to the Sunday School Godly Play story in the most recent ATC or on Facebook.

STEWARDSHIP SHARING

Cindy Brown

BIBLE BACKGROUND

SCRIPTURE Ruth 1:15-18, Luke 6:37-38

SERMON Joy Sustained: Gathering and Generosity

Mary Sue Evers
Steve Hammond
Mary Sue Evers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mary Sue Evers

*More than we can ask, more than we can ask,
more than we can ask or imagine -
Hear oh hear our prayer.*

LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

CHORAL ANTHEM For the Beauty of the Earth *Rutter*

You are invited to come forward with your prayers of gratitude and joy and join a circle around the sanctuary.

***HYMN SPP#1 Perpetual Praise (sung twice)**

***BLESSING**

Mary Sue Evers

