

PRELUDE

Colin Shepard

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Steven Hammond

*The symbol "\*\*\*" denotes an invitation to stand as you are able*

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ann Farley

When God is present, good things happen and life is full.

**When God is present, there is energy and strength available.**

When God is present, there is mystery and wonder and a few surprises.

**When God is present we celebrate both the sacredness and comedy of creation.**

Today we give thanks that God is present through the company of one another and the promises of our Holy Friend.

**Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life and the present-ness of God.**

Come, let us worship God and to God, let us pray:

**\*\* INVOCATION**

**We raise our voices to you, O God, anticipating your presence among us and within us. May all that we are lend to the work and joy of this service of worship. May our capacity for service be increased by the energy you instill in us and may our wisdom increase as you brighten our minds and hearts. We ask this in the name of Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

**\*\* HYMN #28      *For the Beauty of the Earth***

**\*\*LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE AND PASSING THE PEACE**

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.

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND CHILDREN AT HEART**

Steve Hammond

*After worship, children are invited to gather in Amistad Hall for Sunday School during Education Hour and a live Godly Play story. If at home the link to the Godly Play story can be found in the most recent ATC or on our Facebook page.*

BIBLICAL BACKGROUND

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 17: 8-16  
Matthew 14: 22-33

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SERMON

Abundance

Steve Hammond

HYMN #321

***Break Now the Bread of Life***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Steve Hammond

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)**

**\*\*HYMN #278      *Creator God, Creating Still***

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

Somewhere, someone is kind when others are unkind.

**Somewhere, someone shares with another in need.**

Somewhere, someone is patient when others are annoyed.

**Somewhere, someone returns good for evil.**

Somewhere, someone serves another with compassion.

**Somewhere, someone is calm in a storm.**

Somewhere, someone reaches out even to the stranger.

**I am someone!**

It's time to go and meet your "somewheres".

POSTLUDE

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*You are invited to be seated for the Postlude, taking a few moments to reflect on what you've heard and experienced this morning.*

# Cedar Hills United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

A few words about worshipping in person –

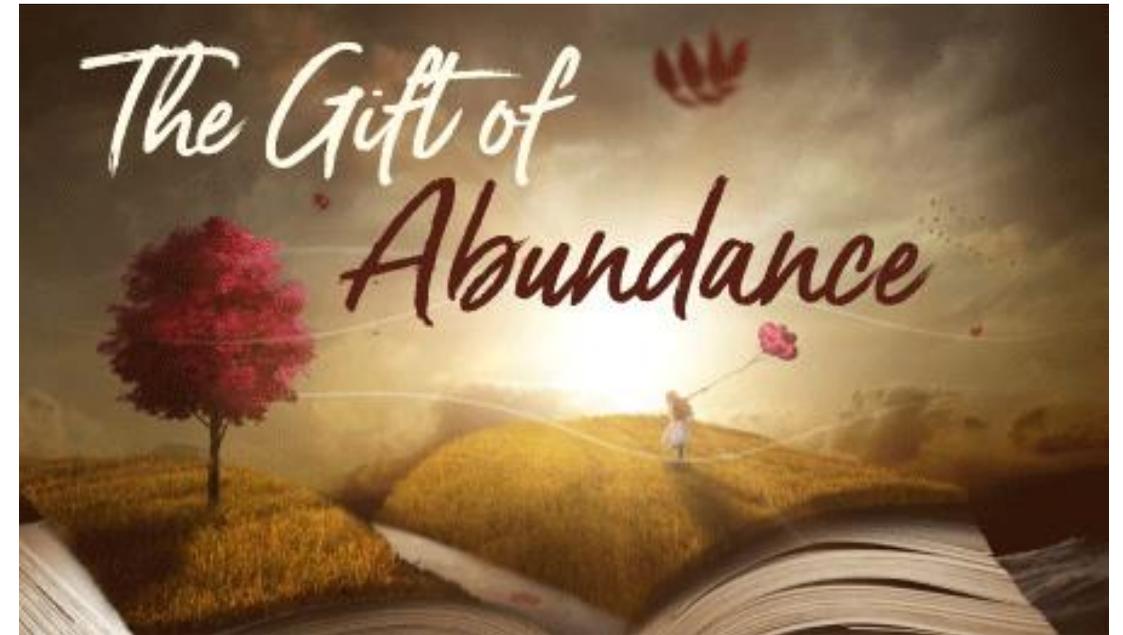
*For the safety of the community and for love of neighbor, we ask that everyone wear masks at all times, covering both nose and mouth; and that everyone over twelve be vaccinated. We are welcome to sing, but please sing softly. A good test is to put your hand one inch from your mask and make sure no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

**We invite you to support the mission and ministry of the church.** You may give online at [www.chucc.org](http://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!

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
You are welcome here!*



Sunday, January 9, 2022

Welcome

*Welcome to this time and place that has been set apart from the busyness of the world, if only for a short period of time. It is our hope that you will find that which you seek this morning—that you will feel both comfortable and welcome as you join with this community of faith.*