

If you are worshipping in-person, you acknowledge that you may be visible on live broadcast or archived video. 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 this week. 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.

The flowers on our communion table today are from Allison and Pete Neal in honor of firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Following Worship Today....

Adult Education: Moments of Prayer: Are There Squirrels in Your Attic?

Join Rev. Leann Hall to explore ideas to enrich your prayer/meditation practice and move beyond the distractions of life. Leann will be using her expertise in psychology and spirituality to facilitate this fun discussion in the Niebuhr Room, starting 10 minutes after worship has concluded.

For the Children: Yoga on the Lawn with Amy! Join Amy as she guides us through yoga on our lawn. Light snacks available for rumbling tummies.

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.*

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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!*



Ella Drucks, artist

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Please take some time during the prelude to transition between *getting here* and *being here*. *Asterisks indicate please rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE
WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Colin Shepard
Rev. Mary Sue Evers

From north and south,
from east and west, we come:
**Your people, O God, called around the table
where simple grace nourishes us.**

From down the street to across town,
from single households to apartment dwellers:

**You call us to community,
where we live and serve one another.**

From every class, every race, every status;
from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

**You offer peace to our troubled hearts,
that we may offer peace to a troubled world.**

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

***LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE AND PASSING THE PEACE** Ann Farley

By lighting the peace candle, we commit ourselves to the peace that Jesus taught and lived. Just as the risen Christ greeted his disciples, saying "Peace be with you," let us greet one another, both here and through our screens, offering that peace to our neighbors in mutual 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, Giver of every good gift, we gather here by habit or by accident,
from lives frantic or serene, long-time worshipers or new to the community.
We gather here, young, old, in middle age, all of us children whose names you know
by heart. We gather here, each of us hoping for a new word, a gentle touch, a nudge
in the right direction, straight into your arms of love. Amen.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN
*Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day;
Enter, rejoice, and come in!*

Amy Norden

BIBLE BACKGROUND

Mary Sue Evers

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Psalm 126:4-6, Luke 22:47-51

Ann Farley

CHORAL ANTHEM Precious Lord, Take My Hand *Thomas A. Dorsey*

SERMON Finding Our Way in an Overwhelming World Mary Sue Evers

HYMN #485 **O Love That Will Not Let Me Go v. 1-3**

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** (English verses)

***BLESSING**

Mary Sue Evers

POSTLUDE

Colin Shepard

