

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 in our nursery. 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.

Today for the children – Following the Children's Moment during worship, children are invited to the Education Building for Sunday School.

Join us following worship today for:

Hospitality Hour in Amistad Hall! Celebrate Stewardship with a Cookie Walk as we continue to **Keep Walking with the Lord!**

~ **Minister: Every Member** ~

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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!*

Keep Walking with the Lord!



November 19, 2023
Stewardship Sunday

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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 Colin Shepard

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH Steve Thieme
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT John Maffitt

CENTERING MUSIC Love is Love is Love is Love Colin Shepard
**Love, love, love. All we need is love, love, love. (repeat)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 90: 1-2 Don Darby
Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;
You have been our home throughout all the ages.
You were there before the world was made and will be forever.
From everlasting to everlasting you are God.
We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator.

***HYMN #420 We Praise You, O God**

***PASSING THE PEACE** Don Darby
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, beginning with a wave "Hello" to those joining us online.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE**
With voices united our praises we offer, and gladly our song of thanksgiving we raise. Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing; to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** Don Darby
O God, the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value. Your generosity and goodness astound us!
Inspire us to teach your commandments and share your gospel that all may know you. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT 1 Thessalonians 5:18 Charles M. Webster
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja.
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja. Hal-le-lu-ja, hal-le-lu-ja!

BIBLE BACKGROUND Charles M. Webster

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
God, our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth, and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM READING Psalm 90:1-8, 12 Don Darby
GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14-30 Don Darby

SERMON A Generous God Charles M. Webster

CHORAL ANTHEM Thanksgiving Song *by Mary Chapin Carpenter*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Charles M. Webster
LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMITMENT
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Gracious, generous God, you have blessed us with many good gifts, and above all in giving your Son for us, grant that we may give ourselves to you.
May these gifts and pledges express the depth of our love for you and your world.
Bless our offerings; multiply and use them
to bring the word of God and healing touch of Jesus to this place and throughout the world in the name of our Lord.

***HYMN Give Thanks (screen)**
***HYMN #419 Now Thank We All Our God**
You are invited to come forward with your pledge and everyone the circle around the sanctuary.

***CHARGE** Matthew 25:30 Charles M. Webster
Sisters and brothers, God has given us the glorious treasure of life. Do not leave this treasure hidden, but rather enjoy its abundance with everyone.

***BLESSING** 2 Corinthians 13:13 Don Shrumm
***POSTLUDE** Colin Shepherd

