

GATHERING WITH SONG AND PRAYER

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

SHARING OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio *Sarabande*

Handel

*GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Attentive love for one another,
gracious self-forgetting,
love begins with these,
and by these we grow,
give birth to our hearts,
and deepen.

*As sisters and brothers in Christ,
may we truly see and hear one another,
be truthful and kind to one another,
mid-wife one another's birthing hearts,
grow closer to one another,
and deepen our care for one another.*

*SINGING A HYMN *Loving Spirit*

Red Hymnal 293

PRAYING FOR OURSELVES, ONE ANOTHER, AND THE WORLD

REFLECTING SILENTLY UPON OUR LIVES

In silence and stillness, reflect on who has arrived for worship this morning.
What thoughts and feelings, joys and concerns, have you brought with you?

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

If the Spirit is moving you to share a thought or feeling, joy or concern,
please do so now, so we may lift it together in prayer.

LIFTING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS IN PRAYER

PRAYING TOGETHER AS JESUS PRAYED

(debts and debtors)

RECEIVING A WORSHIP GIFT *Pat Oakes*

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Proverbs 16: 32
2 Timothy 2: 23-25
Matthew 5: 43-48

REFLECTING

Mankind is tough as war
Yet delicate as flowers
We can endure agonies
But we open fully
Only to warmth and light...

So accept, respect
Attend your sensitivity
A flower
Cannot be opened
With a hammer

Rene Slataper

Daniel Mead

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio *Sicilienne*

Kreisler

*PRAISING GOD *Tune Tallis Canon (sung once together, then as a round)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

*DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND POSSESSIONS TO GOD

DEPARTING TO PRACTICE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*SINGING A HYMN *We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom* Red Hymnal 378

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING WITH A SONG *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* Black Hymnal 76

*PARTING WITH A SONG *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **Adult Christian Education** group is studying the relationship between racism and our nation's criminal justice system. A listing of the readings for this study can be found at our church web site under the Ministry and Adult Ed links.

Our Sunday School Teacher, **Amy Rivera Kent**, will be giving birth to her child at the end of August. We'll be celebrating this joyous event with Amy after worship on **Sunday, July 29**.

Our Board of Trustees has made arrangements for members and friends of the Congregational Church of Austin to **contribute electronically** through a program called **Tithe.ly**. Members and friends can install the app on a smart device or contribute to CCA on the Tithe.ly website. **For more information** about Tithe.ly and how to use the service, please pick up an information sheet in the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall, or ask our Office Administrator, Donna Cravens, to send you one electronically.

Please prayerfully consider joining one of our new vision Task Forces. **Task Force 1 is Strengthening Our Community**, with John Goff serving as the organizer. **Task Force 2 is Broadening Our Community and Outreach**, with Whit Bodman serving as the organizer. **Task Force 3 is Accessibility and Flexibility of our Facilities**, with Jim Howicz serving as the organizer. **Task Force 4 is Our Future in a Changing Neighborhood**, with Bill Beardall serving as the organizer. Talk to the organizers to get a better sense of these four task forces, and sign up on the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall.

Please send **Jonathan Zercher** your contact information if you are interested in knowing about opportunities to participate in **Austin Sanctuary Network** activities. There are chances to do something to help almost every week. If you want to receive emails or texts when such chances arise, please email Jonathan your email address and/or phone number @ jonathan.zercher@gmail.com, and he will alert you to opportunities as they come up.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Trustees, Thu, Aug 2, 7:15pm, at Gail Christeson's home
Deacons, Tues, Aug 7, 7:15 pm, at Joy Penticuff's home
Coord Council, Thu, Aug 16, 7:15 pm, the Bodman's home

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Ruth Koenig and Jo Jensen
Fellowship Host The Deacons

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The **Adult Christian Education Group** meets Sundays at 10:00 am on the 2nd floor.

Middle School and High School Students remain in the service the first Sunday of each month; other Sundays their Sunday School begins after the Choral Anthem.

Elementary Sunday School is held during the 11:00 am service, immediately following "Time With Children." The children will be escorted from the Sanctuary to the 2nd floor Christian Education room, and can be picked up from there after the service.

Infant and Toddler Care is available throughout the service in the Nursery.

Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

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The Season of Pentecost



THE BIRTH OF OUR HUMAN HEART

Though the human body
is born complete
in one moment,
the birth of our human heart
is an ongoing process.

It is being birthed
in every
experience of your life.
Everything
that happens to you
has the potential to deepen you.

Love begins
with paying attention
to others,
with an act
of gracious self-forgetting.

This is the condition in which we grow.

John O'Donohue