

GATHERING WITH SONG AND PRAYER

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

Trio *Andante con moto*

Schubert

GATHERING WITH PRAYER

A Prayer from Africa

O God:

Enlarge my heart,

that it may be big enough

to receive the greatness of your love.

Stretch my heart,

that it may take into it all those, who with me,

around the world, believe in Jesus Christ.

Stretch it,

that it may take into it all those who do not know him,

but who are my responsibility because I know him.

And stretch it,

that it may take in all those who are not lovely in my eyes,

and whose hands I do not want to touch.

Through Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen

*SINGING A HYMN *O Beauty Ever Ancient*

Red Hymnal 650

READING, REFLECTING, AND PRAYING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Mark 8: 34-38

REFLECTING

SITTING SILENTLY

SHARING WITH ONE ANOTHER

PRAYING AS JESUS PRAYED

Insert

SHARING CHRIST'S MEAL

REMEMBERING JESUS' WORDS

BLESSING THE MEAL

SINGING BEFORE WE SHARE THE MEAL

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

Red Hymnal 506

SHARING THE MEAL AND PRAYING AT THE PRAYER NET

All who love Jesus Christ are invited to share in this meal. Please come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and eat it as an act of holy union with Christ and his covenant community. If you would like to tie a prayer tie onto our prayer net, please do so after eating the bread you've dipped in the cup.

REFLECTING WITH MUSIC DURING THE MEAL

Trio *Your Only Son*

GIVING THANKS FOR THE MEAL

God who is inseparable from all that lives, whose spirit is the breath of life, we open our hearts to you and pour out our deepest gratitude. From the mystery of your creative spirit come sun and rain, soil and air, grain and grape, and all that sustains our lives. From the mystery of your life and light come Jesus and his self-giving love, and all who gather together seeking new life with him. We give you thanks for the bread and the juice, for Jesus and one another. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio *Allegretto cantabile*

Drigo

*PRAISING GOD

Tune: Tallis Canon

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 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Red Hymnal 726

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

Red Hymnal 543

*PARTING WITH A SONG *Take Up Your Cross*

The greatest challenge of the day is how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us. Dorothy Day

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.

After **worship today**, we'll gather to review our **outreach and justice ministry** using Joanna Macy's typology of holding actions, structural change, and transformation of consciousness.

After worship on **Sunday, June 10**, we'll gather after worship to reflect together on the **Holy Spirit**, and how the Holy Spirit has inspired us in the course of our lives.

The **Austin Interfaith Delegates Assembly** will be held on **Sunday, June 10**, 3 pm, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Parish Hall, 1206 E. 9th St. We will ratify our agenda and launch our Get Out The Vote Campaign.

On **Saturday, June 16**, St. John United Methodist Church (2140 Allendale Road) will host a **One Human Race Workshop** from 9 am to 5:30 pm. This free workshop will provide a safe, open and productive place to learn and share about race. The workshop leaders will use the PBS series: "Race, the Power of an Illusion," brief presentations about concepts related to the American concept of race, and group sharing with trained group leaders. Snacks and lunch will be provided. The workshop is free but you should register at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/one-human-race-tickets-45576295928?ref=elink>

The **Micah 6 Food Pantry** needs 12 to 15 **volunteers** every Saturday to serve the 250 people who depend on the pantry's food, but it currently only has around 5 volunteers signed up for some Saturdays. If you can volunteer, please do so at the following site:
<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1324908/false#/invitation>

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons, Tues, June 5, 7:15 pm, at Joy Penticuff's home
Trustees, Thu, June 21, 7:15 pm, at Which Craft Tap Room

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers	Andy and Faye Dierksen
Scripture Reader	Lucy Erda
Fellowship	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 "Time With Children."

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



**Dear God,
Please Enlarge Our Hearts**

As we come to know the seriousness of the situation,
the war, the racism, the poverty in our world,
we come to realize that things will not be changed
simply by words or demonstrations.
Rather it's a question of living one's life
in a drastically different way.

We can, to a certain extent, change the world;
we can work for the oasis,
the little cell of joy and peace in a harried world.
We can throw our pebble in the pond
and be confident that its ever widening circle
will reach around the world.

We repeat,
there is nothing that we can do but love,
and, dear God,
please enlarge our hearts
to love each other,
to love our neighbor,
and to love our enemy.

Dorothy Day