

PRAYING TO FACE OUR FEAR WITH LOVE

In love, perfect love, there is no fear,
because perfect love casts out fear.
Perfect love is fearless. Are we fearless?
Or do we fear for those we love, for ourselves,
for our nation, this world, the future?

*Our hearts, our bodies, our lives, are the places where
fear and love meet,
strong fear, deep fear, and fearless love, perfect love.*

Let us meet our fear, face our fear, not turn from it, deny it,
distract ourselves from it, numb ourselves to it,
because we think our fear is un-spiritual, a sign we lack faith,
or because our fear is painful to feel.

*Let us meet our fear, face our fear, with love, perfect love,
to bring liberation, healing and reconciliation
to our hearts, our bodies, our lives,
to those we love, our nation, this world, the future.*

*And let us always remember:
we love because God first loved us. Amen*

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 OUR CHOIR'S GIFT *Spirit, Lead Us* Angerman

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Mark 4: 35-41

REFLECTING

History is not kind to us
we restitch it with living
past memory forward
into desire
into the panic articulation
of want without having
or even the promise of getting

And I dream
of our coming together
encircled driven
not only by our love
but by a lust for a working tomorrow
the flights of this journey
mapless uncertain
and necessary as water.

Audre Lorde

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio "Andante" from *Impromptu in Bb* Schubert

*PRAISING GOD

Tune: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen

DEPARTING TO PRACTICE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*SINGING A HYMN *Creator God, Creating Still* Black Hymnal 278

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING WITH A SONG *Go Forth into The World in Peace* Rutter

*PARTING WITH A SONG *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

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.

Nodie Murphy will be singing with the **San Gabriel Chorale** as they take part in the Georgetown Festival of the Arts again this year. The week of celebration culminates in a concert today at 4 pm in the chapel at Southwestern University featuring music by Carlos Chávez, Alberto Ginastera and Heitor Villa-Lobos.

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>.

After worship on **Sunday, June 3**, those interested will 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 be gathering after worship to reflect together on the **Holy Spirit**, and how the Holy Spirit has inspired us in the course of our lives.

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>

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Coord Council, Thu, May 31, 7:15 pm, the Bodman home
Deacons, Tue, June 5, 7:15 pm, Joy Penticuff's home
Trustees, Tue, June 14, 7:15 pm, WhichCraft Tap Room

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Betty and Whit Bodman
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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GATHERING

In love there is no fear; rather the love that is perfect casts out fear, because fear carries chastisement, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because God first loved us. John 4: 18-19

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

SHARING OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio *Andante religioso*

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*GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
gathered in love,
gathered in faith,
we embrace one another, hold one another, in our spirit of love,
giving and receiving love with every breath, every encounter,
giving thanks for our faith in one another,
and our faithfulness to one another.

*O, how grateful we are to be here with one another,
knowing in our hearts that we love
because God first loved us,
and trusting whole-heartedly
in God's faithfulness to us.*

*SINGING TOGETHER *O Day of Peace*

Red Hymnal 373