

GATHERING WITH SONG AND PRAYER

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio "Andante" from *Sonata in C Major*

Mozart

*GATHERING AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ,
as Christ's body in today's world,
as Christ's presence to all people.

*Poor, Christ embraces the poor,
suffering, Christ sides with the oppressed,
killed, Christ breathes new life into others.*

Spirit of God, touch our hearts and minds,
sensitize us to the suffering of others,
embolden us to stand against oppression and for justice.

*Convert us yet again by your power of love,
that we may love you, our neighbor, and our enemy,
and establish justice in our lives and our world.*

*SINGING A HYMN *Come! Live in the Light!*

Red Hymnal 749

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 AS JESUS PRAYED

debts and debtors

RECEIVING OUR CHOIR'S GIFT *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel* arr. Gilpin

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Amos 5: 6-15

REFLECTING

In this situation of conflict and antagonism, in which just a few persons control economic and political power, the church has placed itself on the side of the poor and has undertaken their defense. The church cannot do otherwise. But by defending the poor it has entered into serious conflict with the powerful who belong to the monied oligarchies and with the political and military authorities of the state.

Archbishop Oscar Romero

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio *Andante grazioso*

Albeniz

*PRAISING GOD

Tune: Old Hundredth

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 *Today We Are Called to Be Disciples*

Red Hymnal 757

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* Red Hymnal 541

*PARTING WITH A SONG *What Is the World Like*

I hope you come to find that which gives life
a deep meaning for you.
Something worth living for—
maybe even worth dying for—
something that energizes you,
enthuses you, enables you to keep moving ahead.

Sister Ita Ford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Christian Church, 3500 W. Parmer Lane, will host the **Fall Heart of Texas Association Meeting**, on **Saturday, October 20**. Sign-in begins at 10:30 am, and the meeting begins at 11:00 am with worship and an Ecclesiastical Council for Will Nelson. Lunch will be provided. Thanks to those of you who're making the salad!

On **Wednesday, October 17**, **Rene Slataper** will moderate a **TENT/TFN interfaith panel: Uniting our Communities, Countering Hate**. The panel will take place at **University Baptist Church from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**.

On **Friday, October 19**, **Austin Sanctuary Movement** will provide buses from First Unitarian Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to **accompany Hilda and Alirio to the ICE office in San Antonio** to apply for Stays of Removal.

On **Sunday, October 21**, **Austin Interfaith** will hold an **Accountability Session** at University United Methodist Church, 2409 Guadalupe Street, Austin, TX 78705.

On **Sunday, November 11**, the **Trustees** will host a **meeting** after worship to discuss and answer questions about our current year's budget and finances, and to begin looking ahead to next year's budget. On **Sunday, November 18**, we will celebrate **Stewardship Sunday**, and provide everyone with the opportunity to **pledge** their financial support for our church's ministry in 2019.

You can make your **financial contribution** to the Congregational Church of Austin **electronically** through **Tithe.ly**. You 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.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Coord Counc, Wed, Oct 24, 7:15 pm, at Whit Bodman's

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Gail Christeson and John Goff
Nursery Attendant Shaela Rutherford

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

The Youth Group meets every Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month) after church with the youth from University Christian and University Baptist, to go out for lunch and enjoy a program. Middle and High Schoolers welcome. If you would like to be on the email list for more details, please see Reuel Nash.

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. Child care begins at 9:15 am for the parents of children attending choir practice or the Adult Christian Education Group.

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An Open and Affirming Church
Of The United Church of Christ

October 14, 2018
The Season of Pentecost
Seek God, Love Good,
Establish Justice

A PREFERENCE FOR THE OUTCAST

A CONVERSION OF THE HEART

Christ called all classes,
but showed his preference for the known sinners,
the prostitutes, the tax gatherers, the lepers, the Samaritans,
and all the outcasts of his time.

The church must prefer the outcasts of the present—
the campesinos, the slum dwellers, the exploited laborers,
the prisoners, those abused by the powerful.

Like Jesus too, the church must point out sin.
Sin obstructs God's reign,
keeps people from living in justice and love.
The church must denounce the selfishness
that lurks in every heart,
the sin that dehumanizes, that unmakes families,
that turns money, possession, gain, and power into the purpose of life.

It must also denounce
those social, economic, cultural, and political structures
that oppress and impoverish people.
But, like that of Christ,
the church's denunciation is not inspired in hatred or resentment.
Rather, it seeks conversion of heart and the salvation of all.

Archbishop Oscar Romero