

PRAYING TO EMBODY GOD'S LOVE AND CARE

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in
the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

*We pray, may we embody God's love and care,
that we may be a refuge to one another,
safe to be with, safe to talk to;
that we may be a source of strength to one another,
reliable and resourceful, compassionate and wise;
that we may be present to one another,
being there when needed, showing up in times of trouble.
The earth is changing,
shaking and trembling, roaring and foaming.
The times are troublesome,
and many are acting from fear.
We pray, may we not act from fear,
but embody God's love and care.*

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

RECEIVING A WORSHIP GIFT

Linnaea Arnett

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Psalm 46

REFLECTING

There's good news, and there's bad news.
The bad news: civilization, as we know it, is about to end.
Now the good news: civilization, as we know it, is about to end.

Swami Beyondananda

The challenges of climate change take us out of our normal constructs of reality. It pushes us to consider the options for creating a very different kind of world.

Alistair McIntosh

We have lost our sense of balance.

Abba Zosimas

Human salvation lies in the hands of the creatively maladjusted.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio *Rigaudon*

Rameau

*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.

DEPARTING TO PRACTICE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*SINGING A HYMN *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

Red Hymnal 766

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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

Red Hymnal 543

*PARTING WITH A SONG *What is the World Like When God's Will Is Done?*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **Adult Christian Education** class is studying material from the **United Church of Christ's Curriculum on "White Privilege."** We're currently exploring the section, "Becoming an Ally." You can download a copy from our church's website.

It has been the tradition at CCA that towards the end of summer we gather on a Sunday morning for a summer **hymn sing**. On **Sunday, August 19**, Nodie will lead us through what she's calling **Adventures in Music** as we explore together our new Glory to God hymnal.

Labyrinth Student Ministry will celebrate its 5th Anniversary at 11 am on **Sunday, August 26th at University Baptist Church**. The supporting churches are invited to participate in this special service. CCA will be participating in the service, which means we will not be holding a worship service at CCA on that day.

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.

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 Council, Thu, Aug 16, 7:15 pm, the Bodman's home

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Debby Khort and Kristen Parkhill
Fellowship Host The Deacons

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.

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

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The Season of Pentecost



GATHERING

Gratitude for the gift of life is the primary wellspring of all religions, the hallmark of the mystic, the source of all true art. Yet we so easily take this gift for granted. That is why so many spiritual traditions begin with thanksgiving, to remind us that for all our woes and worries, our existence itself is an unearned benefaction, which we could never of ourselves create.

Joanna Macy

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER AND SHARING OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio "Andante con moto" aus die Symphonie in C-dur

Schubert

*GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

We are grateful to you, God,
giver of life, spirit of life,
ever-present, ever-renewing.

*We are grateful for this beautiful earth,
for all the ways earth sustains us and brings us joy.*

*We are grateful for one another,
for all the ways we sustain and bring joy to one another.*

We are grateful to you, God,
for the ways you have drawn us into Christ's body,
this community of people who seek to love and do justice.

*May we not take your gifts for granted, God,
not the earth, not one another, not the church,
but love them and care for them in Christ-like ways.*

***SINGING TOGETHER** *God is Here!*

Red Hymnal 409