

GATHERING WITH SONG AND PRAYER

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

SHARING OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio "Fantazia" from *Fantasy Suite No. 5 in D minor* Lawes

*GATHERING WITH PRAYER

In fire,
God reveals God to Moses:
I am who I am. Tell my people,
I am sending me to you.

In fire,
God reveals Moses to himself,
and Moses replies: who am I,
that I can be the Moses you've revealed?

In fire,
God reveals the truth to Moses:
you are truly the Moses I have revealed,
because I am with you.

*In fire,
reveal yourself to us, God,
and reveal to us the truth
of who we are.*

*In fire,
be with us, God, that we may know,
I am who I am,
and that we may be who we truly are.*

*SINGING A HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Red Hymnal 611

RECEIVING A WORSHIP GIFT Sarah Darter

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)

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE Keith Beresheim

Exodus 3: 1-12 and Matthew 5: 13-16

REFLECTING

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio *Sarabande aus dem G moll-Konzert für oboe* Handel

*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 *This Little Light of Mine* Black Hymnal 524

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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

*PARTING WITH A SONG *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

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.

Alirio, who is in **sanctuary** at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4700 Grover Ave), sells his plants and planters at \$15.00 to \$25.00. Credit cards can be used to purchase the plants/planters. If you're interested in buying plants or planters, Alirio visits with people and offers the planters he's built for succulents in the First UU Gallery Sundays from 10-12ish with interpreters on hand. Please send **Jonathan Zercher** your contact information if you're interested in knowing about opportunities to participate in **Austin Sanctuary Network** activities.

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

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Betty and Whit Bodman
Nursery Assistant Lynne Lemley
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



FIRE IN THE EARTH

And we know, when Moses was told,
in the way he was told,
"Take off your shoes!" He grew pale from that simple
reminder of fire in the dusty earth.
He never recovered
his complicated way of loving again
and was free to love in the same way
he felt the fire licking at his heels loved him.
As if the lion earth could roar
and take him in one moment.
Every step he took
from there was carefully placed.
Everything he said mattered as if he knew
the constant eye witness of the ground
and remembered his own face in the dust
the moment before revelation.
Since then thousands have felt
the same immobile tongue with which he tried to speak.
Like the moment you too saw, for the first time,
your own house turned to ashes.
Everything consumed so the road could open again.
Your entire presence in your eyes
and the world turning slowly
into a single branch of flame.

David Whyte