

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Acts 2: 40-47
Mark 2: 13-22

REFLECTING

Pain will subside only when we acknowledge it and care for it. Addressing it with love and compassion would take only a miniscule percentage of the energy it takes to fight it, but approaching pain head-on is terrifying. Most of us were not taught how to recognize pain, name it, and be with it. Our families and culture believed that the vulnerability that it takes to acknowledge pain was weakness, so we were taught anger, rage, and denial instead. But what we now know is that when we deny our emotion, it owns us. When we own our emotion, we can rebuild and find our way through the pain.

Brene Brown

SHARING OUR LIVES IN PRAYER, SHARING CHRIST'S MEAL

REFLECTING SILENTLY UPON OUR LIVES

SHARING FROM THE DEPTHS OF OUR LIVES

LIFTING OUR PRAYERS

PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER

Insert

REMEMBERING JESUS CHRIST'S WORDS

BLESSING THE MEAL

SINGING BEFORE THE MEAL *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*
Red Hymnal 538

SHARING THE MEAL AND PRAYING AT THE PRAYER NET

All who love Jesus Christ are invited to share in this meal. Please come forward as the trio plays, 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.

Trio *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

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 *Lied ohne Worte*

Mendelssohn/Kreisler

*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** *There Is Now a New Creation* Red Hymnal 774

*OFFERING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

***SENDING SONG** *May the Lord Bless You* Hunnicutt

May the Lord bless you. May the Lord keep you.
May the Lord lift up his face to shine upon you.

May the Lord hold you in his hands.
May his love always protect you from all harm.

May God go with you where'er you walk.
May his love guide you throughout your life.

***PARTING WITH A SONG** *Let All Things Now Living*

The saints are what they are, not because their sanctity makes them admirable to others, but because the gift of sainthood makes it possible for them to admire everybody else.
Thomas Merton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Labyrinth Student Ministry invites you to their First Sunday Family Dinner, tonight at 7:30 pm, in the lounge at University Christian Church.

On **September 9, All Saints' Episcopal Church** (209 W 27th St.) will host the **Annual Meeting of Micah 6** with a reception at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Micah 6 Board Members, staff, members of all Micah 6 congregations, and volunteers are invited. Micah 6 has served the central Austin community for the past 15 years! This organization provides what has become the largest food pantry in the area, offers a Sunday Day Shelter for street youth under the age of 30, facilitates a Women's Resource Group for homeless young women, and supports a meal for those who are hungry in our community each Friday. If possible, please bring some simple luncheon fare to share.

On **Sunday, September 23**, the Deacons will host an **orientation for folks who are new to our church**, and who may be considering membership. This is an informal time to get to know one another better and to learn more about our church's denomination, history, and current ministry. We'll gather at church at 9:30 am. If you're new to CCA, please join us for the conversation.

On **Thursday, October 4**, the **Equal Justice Center** will hold its **annual Mini-Golf Fundraiser** at Peter Pan Mini-Golf, 1207 Barton Springs Rd. (corner of Barton Springs and South Lamar) from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Enjoy family mini-golf, Franklin BBQ, and local craft beer as you support EJC's vital justice work. For the past several years, our church has sponsored one of the holes on the mini-golf course. If you would like to **contribute toward the sponsorship of a hole**, please note on your check memo: EJC Golf sponsorship.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons, Tuesday, Sept 4, 7:15, at Joy Penticuff's home
Trustees, Thursday, Sept 6, 7:15 pm, at church

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Faye and Andy Dierksen
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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September 2, 2018
The Season of Pentecost

WELCOME!

GATHERING

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio "Largo" from *Sonata*

Loeillet

*GATHERING WITH SONG

Be the change you want to see in the world,
be the change you want to see in the world,
be the change you want to see in the world,
and change will come to you.

*GATHERING AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

We gather on the Sabbath, a day set apart for rest—rest for us,
rest for creation, rest for the Creator.

*We open our hands, that we may set down the tools of our trade,
and we open our hearts, that we may know the Holy One's presence.*

We give thanks for the gift of life, and for all in creation that sustains
our lives. We remember the liberating, healing, and reconciling
acts of God, and we lift up those yet to be liberated, healed, and reconciled.

*We pray that our labors may dignify God's creation, that we may work
for the dignity of all who labor, and that by Sabbath's holy rest,
we may envision the peace that God intends for all creation.*

*SINGING A HYMN *Here in This Place*

Red Hymnal 401

