

## PRAYING TO TREASURE THE HEART OF CHRIST

Search for one, our heart or our treasure,  
and you'll find the other,  
because where our treasure is,  
there our heart is also.

*The heart of Christ is the treasure  
our hearts treasure,  
because God is the treasure  
Christ's heart treasures.*

Search for one, Christ's heart or God,  
and you'll find the other,  
because where God is,  
there Christ's heart is also.

*May those searching for Christ's heart,  
or for God, find both,  
when we open our hearts to them,  
and share with them our treasure.*

## 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 *Go Not Far from Me*

Zingarelli

## READING AND REFLECTING

### READING FROM THE BIBLE

Matthew 6: 1-4; 19-21

### REFLECTING

Our love for our friends and family, our concern for the world and for the earth, our compassion for the pain and desperation of others are not simply the product of an "unselfish" gene within us, they issue from that strain of God in us that prizes above everything else the kindness, the compassion and the beauty that love brings. John O'Donohue

Tell me whom you love and I will tell you who you are. Arsene Houssaye

"I" and "you," "us" and "them," "winning" and "losing," "victor" and "vanquished"—these are no more than the tricks of the mind exiled from the heart. The face we see before us is no other than our own, the person we see before us is ourselves in another guise. What else can we do but open our hearts, what else do we need to do? Christina Feldman

## OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

### OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio "Andante" from *Trio #5*

Haydn

### \*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 *For the Healing of the Nations*

Black Hymnal 576

### \*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG *Go Forth into the World in Peace*

Rutter

\*PARTING WITH A SONG *O for a World*

The ultimate test of a religion or spirituality  
is the kind of life it produces.

Sam Keen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Trustees** are hosting a **meeting** after worship **today** to discuss and answer questions about our current year's budget and finances, and to begin looking ahead to next year's budget.

One of our church's **Micah 6 Meal Teams** will serve a delicious home-cooked meal at the Micah 6 Drop-In this afternoon. If you want to get in on the action, talk to Dennis Murphy or Joy Penticuff.

**This evening**, from 6 pm to 8pm, the **Austin Sanctuary Network** will host a gathering for our friends who've been in sanctuary. The gathering will be at 4930 Burnet Ave, from 6pm-8pm (park next door at Longhorn Trophies, closed at that hour).

**Next 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.

**Next Sunday, November 18**, after worship, **Labyrinth Student Ministry** will bring their **Team Spirit Bake Sale** to our church. Labyrinth students will sell Rice Krispies treats and brownies with sprinkles in team colors for UT, TCU, Baylor, and Dallas, who are all playing over the Thanksgiving weekend. Individually wrapped treats cost \$1 each, and whole uncut 9" by 13" pans cost \$10 each. Labyrinth will use the money raised to purchase gifts for children and families in need in the Austin Area.

On **December 2, 9, and 16**, **Mir Georgeson**, a UT student and member of Labyrinth Student Ministry, will lead a 3-part series for our church: **Neurodiversity and the Church**.

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, Tue, Nov 27, 7:15 pm, Whit Bodman's

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Bill Beardall and Jaime Hadley  
Nursery Attendant Joy Penticuff

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**The Adult Christian Education Group** meets Sundays at 10:00 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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November 11, 2018  
The Season of Pentecost  
For where our treasure is,  
There our heart is also.

## GATHERING

### WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

### ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio "Largo" from *Xerxes*

Handel

### \*GATHERING AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Christine Sines

God, may we be instruments of your peace today.

*In a world divided by war and strife,*

*may we be your reconcilers.*

*In a world of hurt and pain,*

*may we be those who care for our enemies.*

*In a world that kills and maims,*

*may we be those who heal and restore.*

The blessing of God be upon you.

*The blessing of the God of life.*

The blessing of Christ be upon you.

*The blessing of the Christ of love.*

The blessing of the Spirit be upon you.

*The blessing of the Spirit of peace.*

### \*SINGING A HYMN *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

Red Hymnal 755