

*AFFIRMING OUR CHURCH'S MISSION AND MINISTRY

We are a people united in Christ.

God calls us to be a loving and inclusive community of faith, a people united and uniting. God calls us to welcome all people in the name of Jesus Christ, who welcomes us.

We are a people who sing God's praises.

God calls us to invite all people to participate with us in life-renewing worship, to cry out in our brokenness, and to celebrate God's grace and blessing upon us.

We are a people who seek God's ways.

God calls us to discover God's word in the Bible, in our rich heritage, in faithful witness to the living Word, and in the fresh winds of the Spirit.

We are a people who serve God's world.

God calls us to promote the integrity, justice, mercy, and peace God intends for all creation, and to reach out in ministries and partnerships of prophetic criticism and care.

We are a people who share life's journey.

God calls us to support one another and to share in the hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, of all God's people, both in the church and the world.

PRAYING FOR OURSELVES, ONE ANOTHER, AND THE WORLD

REFLECTING SILENTLY UPON OUR LIVES

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

LIFTING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS IN PRAYER

PRAYING AS JESUS PRAYED

debts and debtors

RECEIVING OUR CHOIR'S GIFT *Giver of Every Perfect Gift* Scott
Choir with Congregation Insert

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Mark 12: 41-44
Acts 4: 32 - 5: 11

REFLECTING

All over this magnificent world God calls us to extend God's kingdom of shalom—peace and wholeness—of justice, of goodness, of compassion, of caring, of sharing, of laughter, of joy, and of reconciliation. God is transfiguring the world right this very moment through us because God believes in us and because God loves us. Desmond Tutu

Few things are needed or desired by the one who lives simply, because life is centered on another level of value. Richard Rohr

If we don't do the impossible, we shall be faced with the unthinkable. Petra Kelly

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

PREPARING TO OFFER OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky Black Hymnal 563

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio "Allegro" from *Quartet in E Flat, K493* Mozart

*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. Amen.

*DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND POSSESSIONS TO GOD

DEPARTING TO PRACTICE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*SINGING A HYMN *Take My Life* Red Hymnal 697

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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

*PARTING WITH A SONG *What Gift Can We Bring?*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today after worship, **Labyrinth Student Ministry** is bringing their **Team Spirit Bake Sale** to our church. Labyrinth students will sell Rice Krispies treats and brownies. Labyrinth will use the money raised to purchase gifts for children and families in need in the Austin Area.

Tonight, **iACT** will host its **annual Interfaith Day of Thanks Service and Celebration** from 4 to 5 pm, with a reception from 5:30 to 6:30 pm (please bring food to share). The service will take place at San Jose Catholic Church, 2435 Oak Crest Ave, Austin.

The **Transgender Education Network of Austin** will host the **Transgender Day of Remembrance** on **Tuesday, November 20**, from 7 to 9 pm, at the George Washington Carver Museum, Cultural and Genealogy Center, 1165 Angelina St., Austin.

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 on **Neurodiversity and the Church**. The first session, Neurodiversity 101, will focus on cognitive disability and neurodiversity, and how neurodiversity has become a political movement within the broader disability rights movement. The second Sunday will address the specific kinds of stigma and discrimination that people with cognitive disabilities face, the advocacy done to overcome discrimination, and how members of our church can be more socially conscious allies. The third session will address accessibility for cognitively disabled folks and how our church can be more accessible.

On **Sunday, December 16**, we will gather at 7 pm for our annual **Advent Candlelight Service**, and then enjoy hearty fellowship and holiday fare in Fellowship Hall.

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 Gail Christeson and John Goff
Nursery Attendant Jaime Hadley

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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Josue Martinez	Cello
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November 18, 2018
The Season of Pentecost

It is the heart that gives,
the fingers just let go.



GATHERING

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio "Larghetto" from *Quartet in E Flat, K. 493*

Mozart

*GATHERING AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Inspired by the hymn by Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We are one in the Spirit; we will share hand to hand;
We are one in the Spirit, we will share hand to hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land,
And they'll know we are Christians 'cause we share, 'cause we share,
And they'll know we are Christians 'cause we share.

We are one in the Spirit, we will work side by side;
We are one in the Spirit, we will work side by side,
And together we'll build a world where no one's cast aside,
And they'll know we are Christians 'cause we share, cause we share,
And they'll know we are Christians 'cause we share.

*SINGING A HYMN *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Red Hymnal 716