

## READING AND REFLECTING

### READING FROM THE BIBLE

Matthew 7: 24-29

### REFLECTING

Oscar Rodriguez

## SHARING OUR LIVES IN PRAYER, SHARING CHRIST'S MEAL

### REFLECTING SILENTLY UPON OUR LIVES

### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

### LIFTING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS IN PRAYER

### PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER

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### REMEMBERING JESUS CHRIST'S WORDS

### BLESSING THE MEAL

The bread, once broken, scatters all over the earth.

*People of the earth, eat this bread,  
unite in a spirit of love, justice, and peace!*

The wine in the cup, once emptied, flows in all directions.

*People everywhere, drink this wine,  
in your diversity, become one!*

Bless this bread with your spirit, God who creates life,  
bless the juice in this cup, God who creates new life.

*Bless us with your spirit, God in Christ,  
who loves all, and forgives those who don't.*

With this bread and this cup, we remember Jesus Christ,  
we re-member ourselves as the Body of Christ.

*Reconcile us in holy union, God, with you and all that's yours,  
that we may be Christ-like to people all over the earth, in all directions.*

**SINGING BEFORE THE MEAL** *One Bread, One Body* Red Hymnal 530

## 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 *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

### 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 *Follia Op. 4, No. 12*

Vitali

### \*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** *We Are One in the Spirit*

Red Hymnal 300

### \*OFFERING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

### \*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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

Rutter

\***PARTING WITH A SONG** *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

After worship today, we'll thank **Vic Appel** for all he's done with and for our church, wish him safe travels, and bless his new home as he prepares to move north in mid-November to live close to his family.

On **Sunday, November 11**, the **Trustees** will host a **meeting** after worship to discuss and answer questions about our current year's budget and finances, and to begin looking ahead to next year's budget. On **Sunday, November 18**, we'll celebrate **Stewardship Sunday**, and provide everyone the opportunity to **pledge** their financial support for our church's ministry in 2019.

**iACT** is hosting its annual **Interfaith Day of Thanks Service and Celebration** on **Sunday, November 18**, 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.

Lucy Erda's 55-year-old brother recently suffered a heart attack and died. **Lucy has started a Go Fund Me campaign** to raise money to pay for her flight to attend her brother's funeral, and to pay for her brother's funeral expenses. Please click the following link for more details. <https://www.gofundme.com/journey-home-ii>

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

Deacons, Tues, Nov 6, 7:15 pm, at Joy Penticuff's

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Debby Khort and Kristen Parkhill  
Nursery Attendant Nancy Edison

## 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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Donna Cravens	Office Manager
Victor Cardenas	Custodian

## THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AUSTIN

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From God's eye,  
there are no countries, no policies, no visas.  
There is only one earth,  
softened by one sweet water.

Mark Nepo

## GATHERING

### WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

### ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio "Lento espressivo" from *Sonata in G*

Loeillet

### \*GATHERING AS CHRIST'S DISCIPLES

From God's eye, the boundaries human minds concoct to separate these people from those people, the barriers human hearts construct to include us and exclude them, the lines human hands draw on maps, the flags they thrust into earth's soil to separate this land from that land, they do not exist.

*From God's eye, all people are God's people, all equal, precious, and beautiful, all part of one human fabric, with many textures and colors, all part of one earth, with food and water, shelter and care, their birth-right.*

As we gather in the spirit of Jesus Christ, who seeks to heal and reconcile all that people break and divide, to unite all that people separate and exclude, may we see the world as God sees it—one earth, softened by one sweet water.

*Sharing together Christ's bread and cup, may Christ's self-giving love soften our hearts, so we may overcome the ways we still seek to separate ourselves from others, from the earth, from Christ, from God, experiencing instead the beauty of holy union with God, and this earth, through Christ.*

\*SINGING A HYMN *Let Us Build a House*

Red Hymnal 301

