

PRAISING GOD THROUGH BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Francis of Assisi

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,

*especially through my lord Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!
Of You, Most High, he bears the likeness.*

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon,

*and the stars, in heaven you formed them
clear and precious and beautiful.*

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,

*and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather through which
You give sustenance to your creatures.*

Praised by You, my Lord, through Sister Water,

which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire.

*through whom you light the night and he is beautiful
and playful and robust and strong.*

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth,

*who sustains us and governs us and who produces
varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.*

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 *For The Beauty of the Earth* Rutter**READING AND REFLECTING****READING FROM THE BIBLE**

Psalm 104: 1-13

REFLECTING

The earth is at the same time mother,
She is mother of all that is natural, mother of all that is human.
She is the mother of all, for contained in her are the seeds of all.
The earth of humankind contains all moistness,
all verdancy, all germinating power.

It is in so many ways fruitful.

All creation comes from it.

Yet it forms not only the basic raw material for humankind,
but also the substance of the incarnation of God's son.

Now humankind needs a body that at all times honors and praises God.

This body is supported in every way through the earth.

Thus the earth glorifies the power of God.

Hildegard of Bingen

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY**OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD**Trio *By The Brook*

Boisdeffre

***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** *Let All Things Now Living*

Red Hymnal 37

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**SENDING SONG** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* Red Hymnal 541***PARTING WITH A SONG** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We wish **Bill Mueller** a *Happy Birthday!* today, and we welcome his family. Join us in Fellowship Hall after worship to celebrate with Bill.

Today, Sunday, October 21, Austin Interfaith is holding an **Accountability Session** at University United Methodist Church 2409 Guadalupe Street, Austin, TX 78705. **The session begins at 3 pm.**

In the State of Texas, **early voting begins on Monday, October 22, and runs through Friday, November 2.** Please make every effort to vote during the upcoming election. For more information on voting, go to: www.votetexas.gov

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 will celebrate **Stewardship Sunday**, and provide everyone with the opportunity to **pledge** their financial support for our church's ministry in 2019.

Our **prayer net** hangs on the door towards the front of our sanctuary. Please feel free to tie a prayer tie onto the net before or after the service. Prayer ties are located in the basket near the net.

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 Counc, Wed, Oct 24, 7:15 pm, at Whit Bodman's

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Faye and Andy Dierksen
Scripture Reader Pat Oakes
Nursery Attendant Lynne Lemley

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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October 21, 2018
The Season of Pentecost

When you send forth your breath,
they are created.

GATHERING

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio "If With All Your Heart" from *Elijah*

Mendelssohn

REJOICING WITH SONG

Introit 2: "Rejoice"

Mueller

*GATHERING WITHIN GOD'S SPIRIT

Creator Wind, Spirit, Breath,

*by You, we come to life,
we breathe You deep into our bodies,
we're never separate from You, You're in our blood,
You flow through our veins, our hearts, our minds.*

Creator Wind, Spirit, Breath,

*by You, all comes to life,
nothing alive is separate from You,
inhaling You, exhaling You,
we live within You, with all who come to life by You.*

Creator Wind, Spirit, Breath,

*You live within us,
we live within You,
and by You,
we are one with all that lives.*

*SINGING A HYMN

O Worship the King

Red Hymnal 41