

PRAYING TO FULFILL OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHERS

For the oppressed,

the Lord executes justice.

To the hungry,

the Lord gives food.

The prisoners,

the Lord sets free.

The blind,

the Lord opens their eyes.

The bowed down,

the Lord lifts up.

Strangers,

the Lord watches over.

Orphans and widows,

the Lord upholds.

To the wicked,

the Lord brings ruin.

What is our responsibility to the oppressed,
the hungry, those in prison, the blind,
to strangers, orphans and widows?
What shall we bring to the wicked?

*May we not avoid these questions
but discern them deeply with all our heart, mind, and soul,
answer them with wisdom and compassion,
and follow through with action.*

**We pray in the name of Christ,
who discerned, answered, and followed through. Amen.**

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

PRAYING WITH SONG

Bryan and Shaela Rutherford

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Psalm 146

REFLECTING

The God who lets us live in the world without the working hypothesis of God is the God before whom we stand continually. Before God and with God, we live without God. God lets himself be pushed out of the world on to the cross. He is weak and powerless in the world, and that is precisely the way, the only way, in which he is with us and helps us.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio "Allegro" from *Sonata IV*

Handel

*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 Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless*

Black Hymnal 461

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* Red Hymnal 541

*PARTING WITH A SONG *In The Bulb There Is A Flower*

O God,
give us the serenity to accept
what cannot be changed,
the courage to change
what can be changed,
and the wisdom to know
the one from the other.

Reinhold Niebuhr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the State of Texas, **early voting 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

Trustees, Thu, Nov 1, 7:15 pm, Reuel Nash's
Deacons, Tue, Nov 6, 7:15 pm, Joy Penticuff's

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Ruth Koenig and Jo Jensen
Nursery Attendant Rachel Dietz

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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God's Love,
Speaking To Us, Through Us



GATHERING

Inscribed on the very heart of God's grace is the rule that we can be its recipients only if we do not resist being made its agents; what happens to us must be done by us.
Miroslav Wolf

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio *Andante tranquillo*

Mendelssohn

*GATHERING AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

We bear our hearts to you, God,
write upon them messages
that bear your grace.

*Write with fire that burns
without consuming,
write messages we can never erase.*

We open our hearts to you, God,
releasing our resistance, becoming more willing,
bearing your grace, with ease, to one another.

*Words of fire,
leaping from one heart to another,
your love, speaking to us, through us.*

***SINGING A HYMN** *All My Hope on God Is Founded* Black Hymnal 408