

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

REFLECTING

To live, we must daily break the body and shed the blood of Creation. When we do this knowingly, lovingly, skillfully, reverently, it is a sacrament. When we do it ignorantly, greedily, clumsily, destructively, it is a desecration. In such desecration, we condemn ourselves to spiritual and moral loneliness, and others to want.

Wendell Berry

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

Insert

REMEMBERING JESUS CHRIST'S WORDS

BLESSING THE MEAL

Everyday, we break from the body of creation, take from the body of creation, and eat from the body creation, so that we may live.

May we break, take, and eat from the body with mercy, for it is from the body of God's creation that we break, take, and eat.

Christ broke bread from the body of God's creation, he said, this bread is my body, bread of the world in mercy broken, take from it and eat.

We take the bread from the body of creation, Christ's body in mercy broken, and from it we eat, so that we may live the merciful way of Christ.

SINGING BEFORE THE MEAL *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*
Red Hymnal 499

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 "Andante grazioso" from *Sonata in A Major* Mozart

*PRAISING GOD

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreun

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen

*DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND POSSESSIONS TO GOD

DEPARTING TO PRACTICE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

***SINGING A HYMN** *Lord, Make Us More Holy* Red Hymnal 313

*OFFERING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

***SENDING SONG** *The Lord's Peace* Zinter

***PARTING WITH A SONG** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **adult Christian education class** is meeting at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings to watch "The Great Churches of Christianity" from The Great Courses. The class meets in the adult CE room on the second floor.

On **Sunday, February 10, Texas Freedom Network** will give a presentation after worship on **LGBTQ issues** that will likely arise in the current **Texas Legislative Session**.

On **Sunday, February 17**, we will celebrate the anticipated birth of **Amelia and Jonathan's** second child with a baby shower after worship. If you would like to financially contribute to the purchase of a gift, please do so before the 17th.

On **Sunday, February 24, Bill Campbell and Victoria Li** will give a presentation after worship on their trip to **Israel and Palestine** in 2018.

On **Sunday, March 3**, the Vision Task Force that's studying our rapidly developing neighborhood, and how other churches and religious organizations are developing their property, will host a Congregational Meeting to share what it has learned.

From **March 10 to April 7**, Whit Bodman will lead our **Lenten Program**: "What I Believe, Don't, And Why." The study, reflection, and discussion series will focus on Marcus Borg's, *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*, and will be supplemented by other short readings.

After Easter, we will gather folks together to **read and discuss** the book, *Climate Church, Climate World, How People of Faith Must Work for Change*, by **Jim Antal**.

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, Tue, Feb 5, 7:15 pm, Joy Penticuff's
Trustees, Thu, Feb 7, 7:15 pm, Reuel Nash's

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Jaime Hadley and Bill Beardall
Nursery Attendant Faye Dierksen

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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The Season of Epiphany

Break the bread,
Shed the blood,
Knowingly, Reverently



GATHERING

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio *Adagio*

Corelli

*GATHERING AS CHRIST'S DISCIPLES

The prophet warns us,
my people are destroyed
by lack of knowledge.

*We think we know so much,
yet we know so little
about how to live
without destroying
so many lives.*

Christ knows
what we need to know, which means
we must know Christ.

*May we know Christ together,
as parts of Christ's one body,
walking with care on this earth,
healing and repairing
whoever, wherever, whenever we can.*

*SINGING A HYMN *Guide Me, O Though Great Jehovah* Red Hymnal 65