

## GATHERING WITH SONG AND PRAYER

### RECEIVING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio Improvisation on *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

### GATHERING WITH SONG

*Gathered Here in the Mystery of This Hour* Black Hymnal 742

Sing once in unison, twice as a round, then repeat "Spirit, draw near."

### GATHERING IN THIS SEASON

There are different seasons  
in our world, our church, our lives,  
different times for different matters.

*There are times we keep going,  
and times we stop;  
times we look outside,  
and times we look inside;  
times we deny what we see,  
and times we acknowledge what we see;  
times we keep secrets,  
and times we confess secrets;  
times we remain the same,  
and times we are transformed.*

May Lent be for us  
a season for stopping, looking inside,  
acknowledging, confessing,  
and being transformed.

*May Lent be for us  
a spiritually rich time, a time for growing  
in self-knowledge and self-care, a time for growing  
in empathy and compassion for others, a time for growing  
more faithful to God, to one another, and to the world.*

### REFLECTING AND PRAYING IN SILENCE

\*SINGING A HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Red Hymnal 12

## READING, REFLECTING, AND PRAYING

### READING FROM THE BIBLE

Refrain *The Lord Is My Light*, Theme II

Psalm 27  
Red Hymnal 842

### REFLECTING

### REFLECTING SILENTLY UPON OUR LIVES

### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

### LIFTING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS IN PRAYER

### PRAYING TOGETHER AS JESUS PRAYED

debts and debtors

### RECEIVING OUR CHOIR'S GIFT *Non nobis Domine*

Byrd

"Not unto us, O Lord, but to your name be glory given."

## OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

### OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio *Elegy*

Suk

### \*PRAISING GOD

Tune: Old Hundreth

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 *For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits*

Red Hymnal 89

### \*OFFERING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

### \*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

### \*SENDING SONG *This Is My Song*

Black Hymnal 591

### \*PARTING WITH A SONG *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

God is my strength.  
In God my heart trusts.  
My heart exults,  
with song I give thanks to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Amelia, Jonathan, and Vivienne** welcomed **baby George** on February 27th, and we are supporting the family as they settle into life as a family of four. If you'd like to help **provide them a meal** (either by taking it yourself or donating money or sending a gift card), use the following link to sign up. Thanks! Here's the link to the meal train signup: <https://mealtrain.com/4wn3z5>

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.

**After worship today**, Whit Bodman will continue to lead our **Lenten Program**: "What I Believe, Don't, And Why." The study, reflection, and discussion series is focused on Marcus Borg's, *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*, and supplemented by other short readings that are available on our church website.

ICE has denied **Alirio, Hilda and Ivan** an extension of their deferred action status. Please show your solidarity for them at the **Austin Sanctuary Network press conference**, Monday, May 18, 12:00 pm., at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Austin, 4700 Grover Ave., 78756. Also, join them for the check-in rally at the ICE Field Office on Tuesday, March 19, 9 a.m., at 3523 Crosspoint Dr., San Antonio, 78217.

On **Saturday, April 27**, **George Hetrick, Robin Chapman, and Tom VandeStadt** will once again ride the **Hill Country Ride for AIDS**. This is a fundraiser to raise funds for organizations helping people live with HIV/AIDS. If you would like to support their **fundraising efforts**, please go to <https://hillcountryride.greatfeats.com/> and click the Donate tab, then click the Donate to a Rider tab, then type in the name of George Hetrick, Robin Chapman, or Tom VandeStadt and you'll get to their fundraising page.

On **Sunday May 12 and May 26**, we will gather after worship to discuss the book, ***Climate Church, Climate World, How People of Faith Must Work for Change***, by **Jim Antal**, **Forward by Bill McKibben**.

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Coord Council, Tue, March 26, 7:15 pm, at Whit Bodman's

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Bill Beardall and Jaime Hadley  
Nursery Assistant Joy Penticuff

## 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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Whom Shall I Fear?

Do Not Forsake Me,  
O God Of My Salvation?



## THE SEASON OF LENT

For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8