

DEDICATING OUR ENDOWMENT

With deep gratitude,

we take time today to reflect on our holy communion
with the saints of this church—past, present, and future.

*We remember and give thanks for those who came before us,
those who built the foundations of this church,
constructing not only a building in which to worship,
share fellowship, and minister to the world,
but an identity of open-minded and open-hearted
faith in God, love for neighbor, and passion for justice.*

We honor those who continue this legacy today,
those who face the contemporary challenges of being the church
in a complex and rapidly changing world, those who
hold in creative tension long-held traditions and new forms of
spiritual expression, those who face a challenging future
with dignity, grace, and courage.

*We open our hearts, minds, and hands to those
who will follow us in the future—we know you not,
but we pray that we may leave you a legacy as precious
as the one we have received, and that you will be as grateful
in your day as we are today.*

In the name of Christ, we dedicate our church's endowment to the ministry to which
God calls us, in honor and in memory of those we love.

May it help this church be a Christ-centered presence long into the future.

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 TOGETHER AS JESUS PRAYED

debts and debtors

RECEIVING OUR CHOIR'S GIFT *Christus Paradox*

Dunstan/Fedak

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Luke 24: 36-49

REFLECTING

What is our role on earth? Whenever we take from the earth, we seek to do so in a way that enriches the earth. We aren't unconscious of our impact, nor do we seek to minimize our impact. We see to make a more beautiful impact that serves all life.

All regenerative practices partake in a common sponsoring idea. Earth is alive. What is alive, we can love. What we love, we wish to serve. When what we love is sick, we want to heal its suffering and serve its healing. The more deeply we know it, the better we can join its healing.

Charles Eisenstein

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio "Pastorale" from *Sonata in A Major*

Vivaldi

***PRAISING GOD**

Tune: Lasst uns erfueren

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! Alleluia! Amen.

***DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND POSSESSIONS TO GOD**

DEPARTING TO PRACTICE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

***SINGING A HYMN** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Red Hymnal 307

***OFFERING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

***TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

***SENDING SONG** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

Red Hymnal 543

***PARTING WITH A SONG** *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Texas Freedom Network** is organizing the **One Voice for Justice March on Thursday, May 9**, to lift up the rights of LGBTQ Texans, immigrants, women, and all God's children. The march will begin at First United Methodist Church (1201 Lavaca) at **10:30 am** and proceed to the State Capitol.

On **Sunday, May 12, at 9:00 am**, members of CCA will meet with members of University Baptist Church and University Christian Church to share their visions for ministry in the future, and to discuss how we may be able to minister more effectively together than separately. **The meeting will take place at University Baptist Church, and UBC will provide breakfast.**

CCA will be providing a **meal for Labyrinth students on Sunday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m.** We need to provide food for 12 students. Bethany is taking care of the main pasta dishes, but she needs help with side dishes, bread, dessert, or anything else you'd like to make. You can also volunteer to help set up the food that evening and come hang out with the Labyrinth students. Sign up after worship or by emailing Bethany at bethanyjleach@gmail.com.

On **Sunday, May 12 and May 19**, we will discuss the book, ***Climate Church, Climate World, How People of Faith Must Work for Change***, by Jim Antal, Forward by Bill McKibben.

On **Tuesday, May 14**, we will participate in an **Iftar**, the dinner with which Muslims break their daily fast during the holy season of Ramadan. We will gather with folks from the Dialogue Institute of the Southwest, University Christian Church, and University Baptist church, in the Fellowship Hall of University Christian Church. Members of the Dialogue Institute, a Muslim organization in Austin, will provide all the special food. This will be a chance to talk with Muslim neighbors about Ramadan, their fellowship and more. **We will gather at 7:15 at University Christian Church.**

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Coord Counc, Tue, April 30, 7:15 pm, at Whit Bodman's
Trustees, Thu, May 2, 7:15 pm, at Reuel Nashes
Deacons, Wed, May 8, 7:15 pm, at Joy Penticuff's

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Rene Slataper and Bill Beardall
Nursery Assistant Joy Penticuff

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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April 28, 2019
Second Sunday of Easter
Into The Waiting Silence
Another Song Begins

GATHERING

After the world has ended
After the silent spring
Into the waiting silence
another song begins.

Neil Gaimon

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio *Adagio*

Telemann

*GATHERING AS THE RISEN CHRIST'S BODY

Death touches all that lives,
extinguishes every light,
silences every song.

*Yet into the waiting silence,
another song begins,
and into the waiting darkness,
another light is lit.*

From what, from who, comes this song?
From what, from who, comes this light?
From what, from who, comes this life?

*From the God of life,
the song of life,
the light of life,
touched by death, yet alive!*

*SINGING A HYMN *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

Red Hymnal G2G 239