

**READING AND REFLECTING,
PRAYING AND SHARING CHRIST'S MEAL**

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Psalm 126

Refrain *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

Red Hymnal 654

REFLECTING

Barbara Burnham, Liz Nash
Joy Penticuff, Whit Bodman

REFLECTING SILENTLY UPON OUR LIVES

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

LIFTING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS IN PRAYER

PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER

Insert

REMEMBERING CHRIST'S WORDS

PRAYING TO BE NOURISHED AND JOINED TOGETHER

Community Workers' Soup Kitchen, Lima Peru

God, food of the poor;
Christ, our bread,
give us a taste of the tender bread
from your creation's table;

*bread newly taken from your heart's oven,
food that nourishes us.*

Joined hand in hand,
working and sharing.

*A sacrament of your body,
a warm loaf that makes us family;
your wounded people.*

BLESSING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

God of life, God of love, God of justice,
bless this bread, bless this cup,
with your living spirit that touches all creation
with your liberating, healing, reconciling presence,
that we too may be present to creation
in ways that liberate, heal, and reconcile.

SINGING BEFORE THE MEAL *Now the Silence*

Red Hymnal 534

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 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

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 *Adagio*

Seitz

***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** *When God Restored Our Common Life*

Red Hymnal 74

***OFFERING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

***TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

***SENDING SONG** *This Is My Song*

Black Hymnal 591

***PARTING WITH A SONG** *Now Thank We All Our God*

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.

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.

We will hold our **Good Friday Service** on **Friday, April 19**, at 7:00 pm. In this service, we remember Jesus' last supper, arrest, and crucifixion, and ponder how these events give meaning to our lives and our world today.

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 5**, we will celebrate our joint youth group ministry with University Baptist Church and University Christian Church with our **joint youth group service** at University Christian Church.

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

Deacons, Wed, April 10, 7:15 pm, at Joy Penticuff's

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Faye and Andy Dierksen
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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May Those Who Sew In Tears
Reap With Shouts of Joy

GATHERING

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

SHARING OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio "Andante" from *Trio # 1 in G*

Mozart

***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 AS CHRIST'S DISCIPLES**

Life is a journey,
our paths cross here.

May we approach one another with open hearts,
look upon one another with loving kindness,

listen to one another with attentive care,
embrace one another with a spirit of peace,

and if need be, sacrifice something for one another,
as Christ sacrificed all he had out of love for all.

We give thanks to Jesus Christ, whose path leads us here,
and whose path is the way of the cross.

***SINGING A HYMN** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Red Hymnal 611