

## GATHERING WITH SONG AND PRAYER

### LIGHTING THE CANDLES

Trio *Serenade*

Schubert-Liszt

### GATHERING WITH PRAYER

For so many years,  
so many people,  
living in so many places,  
under so many circumstances,  
have come to Christ's table,  
bringing so many hopes and fears,  
so many joys and concerns,  
so many respectful requests and silent pleadings,  
so many prayers of thanks and offerings of self.

*Today, we come to Christ's table,  
people living in our place, under our circumstances,  
people in need of Christ's table, in need of one another,  
people thankful that at Christ's table,  
we come together as many yet one.*

**\*SINGING A HYMN** *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

Red Hymnal 503

### SITTING TOGETHER IN SILENCE AND STILLNESS

### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

### OPENING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

### PRAYING AS JESUS PRAYED

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## READING, REFLECTING, AND SHARING CHRIST'S MEAL

### READING FROM THE BIBLE

John 15: 1-17

### REFLECTING

### REMEMBERING JESUS' WORDS

**SINGING BEFORE THE MEAL** *Jesus Took the Bread*

Red Hymnal 343

## SHARING THE MEAL AND PRAYING AT THE PRAYER NET

All who love Jesus Christ are invited to share in this meal. Please come forward, 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.

### REFLECTING WITH MUSIC DURING THE MEAL

Trio *Improvisation on Now the Silence*

### 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 "Finale" from *Trio in Bb*

Haydn

### \*PRAISING GOD

Tune: Tallis Canon

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** *Take Us As We Are, O God*

Red Hymnal 312

### \*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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

Red Hymnal 543

**\*PARTING WITH A SONG** *Come Behold! The Feast of Heaven*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's that time again! While the choir is on hiatus during the summer, our Sunday services will be enriched by substituting **worship gifts** for the choral anthems. Worship gifts are whatever you want to share with the congregation about your faith journey. It can be a favorite hymn, a poem you wrote or that you discovered, music that you play or enjoy, experiences you have had that have enlightened you. We ask that your gift be no longer than five minutes. **Nodie** will be armed with her infamous clipboard, welcoming your contributions.

**Nodie Murphy** has been straining her vocal chords and her counting skills in preparation for the **San Gabriel Chorale's** performance of Beethoven's "Missa Solemnis" on **Sunday, June 2nd, at 4:00 pm** in the Alma Thomas Theater at Southwestern University.

The **church-wide picnic** has been rescheduled for **Saturday, June 15**. It will begin at noon at **Eastwood Park**, just north of Dean Keaton on Harris Park Street (the cross street is Bellevue Place). You can park on Dean Keaton if there isn't room on Harris Park.

A **fundraising campaign** has been launched to help hire an organizer to further the **Austin Sanctuary Network's** mission of protecting the human rights of immigrants. Three immigrants are in sanctuary at two member churches while being protected from deportation. Your tax-deductible donation at <https://www.crowdrise.com/asnorganizer> will help to give these immigrants in sanctuary their freedom. Any amount you can give is appreciated.

Please join us in the **United Church of Christ's All-Church-Read: *Evicted, Poverty and Profit in the American City*, by Matthew Desmond**. *Evicted* won the Pulitzer Prize in 2017, and Matthew Desmond is the keynote speaker at the UCC General Synod this summer. Read the book over the summer, and we'll discuss it in the fall.

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Trustees, Thursday, June 6, 7:15 pm, at Reuel Nash's  
Deacons, Wednesday, June 12, 7:15 pm, at Joy Penticuff's  
Coord Council, Thursday, July 25, 7:15 pm, TBD

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Debby Khort and Andrea Low  
Nursery Assistant Nancy Edison

## 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 "Time With Children."

**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.

Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Breaking Bread  
Seeing Clearly

## GATHERING TOGETHER AT THE TABLE

In this food,  
I see clearly,  
the entire universe,  
supporting my existence.

Buddhist meditation

"Company."  
It means "breaking bread" (*pan*)  
"together" (*com*).

And like the shared meal around a convivial table,  
"company" carries a sacramental association.

One might even,  
in such company,  
"see clearly,  
the entire universe,  
supporting my existence."

Larry Rasmussen