

PRAYING FOR WISDOM AND COURAGE

Mare Cromwell

Divine Feminine Spirit,
Who dwells in our stillness
Reveal yourself within
So we can bring forth your loving grace.

*We celebrate your patience,
We honor your life-giving force
And we hear your call for change.*

With your vital power move us to love in action.
With your divine flame ignite us to work for a kinder, gentler world of peace.

*May your wisdom guide us to know you.
And give us the courage to live your truth.*

PRAYING FOR OURSELVES, ONE ANOTHER, AND THE WORLD

REFLECTING SILENTLY UPON OUR LIVES

In silence and stillness, reflect on who has arrived for worship this morning.
What thoughts and feelings, joys and concerns, have you brought with you?

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

If the Spirit is moving you to share a thought or feeling, joy or concern,
please do so now, so we may lift it together in prayer.

LIFTING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS IN PRAYER

PRAYING TOGETHER AS JESUS PRAYED

debts and debtors

RECEIVING OUR CHOIR'S GIFT *I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health*

Byrd

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Genesis 1: 1-31
Psalm 24: 1-2

REFLECTING

It is 'God's creation' that is being destroyed. If any segment of the human race were going to face up to what human beings are doing, one might expect that it would be people of faith who realize that humanity is trashing what does not belong to us—Earth belongs to God. It seems to me that when people of faith grasp this truth, the alarm of climate change will finally ring out in every church and cathedral, in every mission outpost, and wherever two or three are gathered together in Jesus' name.

Jim Antal

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio *Siciliana*

Veracini

*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 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Red Hymnal 662

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Lutkin

*PARTING WITH A SONG *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

Like a mother who has born us, held us close in her delight,
fed us freely from her body, God has called us into life.

Daniel Bechtel

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.

Today, after Worship and the Mother's Day Fellowship Time, we will gather to begin our discussion of Jim Antal's book, **Climate Church, Climate World, How People of Faith Must Work for Change**. We will gather today and Sunday, May 26, for this discussion.

CCA is providing and serving the meal at the **Micah 6 Drop-in** today from 4 pm to 6 pm, and the meal for **Labyrinth students** at 7:30 p.m. Thanks to the meal organizers, Joy Penticuff and Bethany Leach! And thanks to all who are preparing and serving!

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.**

Our church Moderator, John Goff, has called a **Congregational Meeting** after worship on **Sunday, May 19** for the purpose of discussing the possibility of the temporary hosting of a refugee family as they await more permanent placement.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Trustees, Thu, June 6, 7:15 pm, at Reuel Nash's
Deacons, Wed, June 12, 7:15 pm, at Joy Penticuff

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Debby Khort and Andrea Low
Nursery Assistant Rene Slataper

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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Donna Cravens	Office Manager
Victor Cardenas	Custodian

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Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Earth Is The Lord's
And All That Is In It

GATHERING

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio "Berceuse" from *Jocelyn*

Godard

*GATHERING WITH THANKFUL HEARTS

Gail Ricciuti

For all things bright and beautiful,

For all things dark and mysterious and lovely,

For all things green and growing and strong,

*For all things weak and struggling to push life up
through rocky earth,*

For all human faces, hearts, minds, and hands
which surround us,

And for all nonhuman minds and hearts, paws and claws,
fins and wings,

For this Life and the life of this world,

For all that you have laid before us, O God,

We lay our thankful hearts before you.

In Christ's name, Amen.

*SINGING A HYMN *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

Red Hymnal 7

