

PRAYING TO EMBODY THE WAY OF CHRIST

When those who represent a spiritual tradition embody the essence of their tradition, just the way they walk, sit, and smile speaks volumes about the tradition.
Thich Nhat Hanh

May we embody the way of Jesus Christ,
knowing Christ has no body now on earth
but my body, your body, our body, the communal body of Christ;
knowing Christ has no hands to touch this world,
no feet with which to go about doing good,
no eyes to see, no ears to hear,
no heart to love, no mind to contemplate,
no lips to speak,
but mine, yours, ours.

*May others experience Christ's compassion and wisdom,
Christ's humility, mercy, and fierce passion for justice,
in the way we walk, sit, and smile,
in the way we treat one another and touch this world,
in our active care for the immigrant, the hungry, and the homeless,
in our hunger and thirst for justice and righteousness.
May we speak volumes about the way of Christ,
by embodying the living spirit of Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.*

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 A WORSHIP GIFT

Whit Bodman

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Proverbs 8: 1-12

REFLECTING

After a long hard climb up the mountain, the spiritual seekers finally found themselves in front of the great teacher. Bowing deeply, they asked the question that had been burning inside them for so long: "How do we become wise?"

There was a long pause until the teacher emerged from meditation. Finally the reply came: "Good choices."

"But teacher, how do we make good choices?"

"From experience," responded the wise one.

"And how do we get experience?"

"Bad choices," smiled the teacher.

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio "Scherzo" from *Trio in Eb Major*

Schubert

*PRAISING GOD

Tune: Tallis (sing once together, then once as a 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. Amen.

*DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND POSSESSIONS TO GOD

DEPARTING TO PRACTICE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*SINGING A HYMN

Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love

Red Hymnal 449

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Red Hymnal 543

*PARTING WITH A SONG

Be Thou My Vision

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **adult Christian education class** meets at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings in the adult CE room on the second floor. The class is studying the issue of immigration, beginning with asylum. You can get the latest information for the class on our church web site.

Join us today after worship for our special Father's Day beer and hot dogs fellowship time honoring the fathers in our church.

On **Sunday, June 23, Vision Task Force 4** will meet after worship to follow-up with the most recent round of meetings and task assignments.

O **Sunday, June 30**, we will gather after worship to study the **New Green Deal (NGD)**. If you do a web search, you can find a copy of the NGD, as well as numerous arguments supporting it or opposing it. We will study the NGD, as well as arguments supporting or opposing it, from several perspectives, including their effectiveness as a response to the scientific consensus on climate change, as political and economic policy, and as consistent or inconsistent with our faith tradition and spirituality.

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.

You can **contribute electronically** to the Congregational Church of Austin through **Tithe.ly**. Members and friends can install the app on a smart device or contribute to CCA on the Tithe.ly website. **For more information** about Tithe.ly and how to use the service, please pick up an information sheet in the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall, or ask our Office Administrator, Donna Cravens, to send you one electronically.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Coord Council, Thursday, July 25, 7:15 pm, TBD
Deacons, Wednesday, July 10, 7:15 pm, Joy Penticuff's
Trustees, Thursday, July 18, 7:15 pm, at Reuel Nash's

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Faye and Andy Dierksen
Nursery Assistant Jaime Hadley

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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Season of Pentecost

I, Wisdom,
Live With Prudence,
I Attain Knowledge And Discretion

GATHERING TOGETHER

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
No hands but yours, no feet but yours,
Yours are the eyes through which is to look out
Christ's compassion to the world;
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good;
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless men now.

St. Teresa of Avila

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio *Canon in D*

Pachelbel

*GATHERING AS CHRIST'S BODY

May you gently offer your hand to your neighbor,
knowing that you are offering Christ's hand to your neighbor.
And may you gently accept your neighbor's hand into yours,
knowing that you are receiving Christ's hand from your neighbor.
May you say to your neighbor, peace be with you neighbor,
may Christ's peace pass between us and draw us close.
And a blessing upon your feet neighbor, the feet that brought you here
to stand beside me, for they are Christ's feet.
May we see one another through Christ's eyes neighbor,
and through Christ's eyes, see all people as our neighbor.
And now let us sing neighbor, and live together in the light!

*SINGING A HYMN *Come! Live in the Light*

Red Hymnal 749

