

SHARING AND PRAYING

SITTING IN SILENCE AND STILLNESS

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

LIFTING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS IN PRAYER

PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER

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READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

John 9: 1-12

SINGING TOGETHER *Live in Charity*

Red Hymnal 205

Sing three times, then sit in silence.

REFLECTING ON THE PASSAGE

Dennis Murphy

People want me to tell them success stories. I understand this. They are the stories you want to tell, after all. So why does my scalp tighten whenever I am asked this? Surely, part of it comes from my being utterly convinced I'm a fraud. I find Bill Cain's reflection on the Shroud of Turin very consoling. He prefers frauds. He says, 'If the shroud is a fraud, then it is this masterful work of art. If it's the real thing, it's just dirty laundry.'" Gregory Boyle, S.J.

SHARING CHRIST'S MEAL

REMEMBERING CHRIST'S WORDS

BLESSING THE BREAD

Broken bread, broken world,
broken hearts, broken lives,
broken systems, broken relationships,
so much is broken, so many are broken,
we feel the pain of brokenness in our lives,
and witness the pain of brokenness in other's lives.

*God, spirit of holy union seeking to unite creation,
bless this broken bread, this broken world,
all broken hearts, all broken lives,
all broken systems, all broken relationships,
with holy love and wisdom, your very presence,
the healing balm for all that's broken. Amen.*

SINGING BEFORE THE MEAL *Jesus Is Here Right Now*

Sing once, then listen, then sing again.

Black Hymnal 348

SHARING CHRIST'S 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 Improvisation on *Here, O Our Lord, We See You*

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 *Bouree*

Krebs

*PRAISING GOD Tune: Tallis (sing once together, then once as a round)

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 TOGETHER *Open The Eyes of My Heart*

Red Hymnal 452

*OFFERING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Black Hymnal 76

*PARTING WITH A SONG *Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **adult Christian education class** meets at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings in the adult CE room on the second floor.

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 Mathew 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.

Our **prayer net** hangs on the door towards the front of our sanctuary. Please feel free to tie a prayer tie onto the net before or after the service. Prayer ties are located in the basket near the net.

You can make your **financial contribution** to the Congregational Church of Austin **electronically** through **Tithe.ly**. You 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

Deacons, Wednesday, Aug 14, 7:15 pm, at church
Trustees, TBD
Coord Council, TBD

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Keith Beresheim and Darcy Grostick
Nursery Attendant 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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SEASON OF PENTECOST

The Light Of The World
Spat On The Ground



GATHERING TOGETHER

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio *Andante cantabile*

Tartini

*GATHERING TO SEE THE LIGHT

The light of the world
spat on the ground to make mud,
then with muddy fingers
spread the wet earth on eyes
that were blind from birth,
saying, wash them till you see the light.

They say God works in mysterious ways,
and so it seems, with whatever's underfoot,
close at hand, and readily available,
like spit, fingers, and dirt.

*There are so many ways
we've been blind from birth,
so many places we've not seen the light.
God, we pray, use the ordinary stuff
of our everyday lives, in mysterious ways,
to give our eyes sight
to see your light.*

*SINGING TOGETHER *Open My Eyes That I May See* Red Hymnal 451