

## PRAYING FOR OURSELVES, ONE ANOTHER, AND THE WORLD

### PREPARING TO STILL OUR HEARTS

Michi Kawai

The Lord is here.

Let us in the stillness of our hearts pray  
that we may have the consciousness of God's presence  
and listen to God's voice.

*Let us in the stillness of our hearts pray  
that God will reveal to us the things that hinder our peace.*

Let us in the stillness of our hearts pray  
that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit,  
and empowered to witness fearlessly against evil.

*Let us in the stillness of our hearts pray  
to be conscious of what it means  
when we say, "Thy Kingdom come!"*

### REFLECTING IN SILENCE AND STILLNESS

In silence bring your heart to stillness. Feel the joy and the pain within your heart. Look and listen with your heart to what God is revealing to you.

### SHARING OUR HEARTS WITH ONE ANOTHER

If the Spirit is moving you to share a revelation or an inspiration, a joy or a concern, please do so now, so we may lift them together in prayer.

### OPENING OUR HEARTS TOGETHER IN PRAYER

### PRAYING TOGETHER AS JESUS PRAYED

debts and debtors

### RECEIVING A WORSHIP GIFT

Warinda Harris

## READING AND REFLECTING

### READING FROM THE BIBLE

Genesis 18:20-32

### REFLECTING

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead

I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can. Edward Everett Hale

Healing the wounds of the earth and its people does not require saintliness or a political party, only gumption and persistence. It is not a liberal or conservative activity; it is a sacred act. It is a massive enterprise undertaken by ordinary citizens everywhere, not by self-appointed governments or oligarchies. Paul Hawken

## OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

### OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio *Spanish Dance*

Moszkowski

**\*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 A HYMN** *We Are All One in Mission*

Red Hymnal 733

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*SENDING SONG** *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

Red Hymnal 538

**\*PARTING WITH A SONG** *We Are Marching In The Light Of God*

## 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 immigration. You can get the latest information for the class on our church web site.

The **children's Sunday school class** is collecting used **empty plastic bottles to be upcycled into crafts** at their 'back to school' party. Please rinse the bottles and leave them in the marked bin in the fellowship hall.

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.

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.

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Gail Christeson and John Goff  
Nursery Assistant Jaime Hadley

## 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 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 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. 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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## GATHERING TOGETHER

### WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

### ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio *Adagio*

Bach

### \*GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Christine Sines

God, may we be instruments of your peace today.

*In a world divided by war and strife,  
may we be your reconcilers.*

*In a world of hurt and pain,  
may we be those who care for our enemies.*

*In a world that kills and maims,  
may we be those who heal and restore.*

The blessing of God be upon you.

*The blessing of the God of life.*

The blessing of Christ be upon you.

*The blessing of the Christ of love.*

The blessing of the Spirit be upon you.

*The blessing of the Spirit of peace.*

\*SINGING A HYMN *The Lord Is God*

Red Hymnal 63