

**READING, REFLECTING,  
PRAYING, AND SHARING CHRIST'S MEAL**

**READING FROM THE BIBLE**

Matthew 6: 25-34

**REFLECTING ON THE PASSAGE**

**REFLECTING SILENTLY UPON OUR LIVES**

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**LIFTING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**REMEMBERING CHRIST AND BLESSING HIS MEAL**

J. Philip Newell

Into our brokenness came the memory of wholeness,  
into our fear came the messenger of love.

*One with us, child of heaven, son of womankind, bearer of forgiveness,  
healer of our nature, teacher of wisdom, prophet of peace,  
crucified by the state, companion of our soul, lover of the earth.*

With his disciples at table on the night of his arrest,  
Jesus blessed the bread and said,

*This is my body, broken for you.*

With his disciples at table on the night of his arrest,  
Jesus blessed the wine and said,

*This is my blood, poured out for you.*

Come upon us with your Spirit, O God,  
and upon this bread of the earth.

*May it feed our longings for peace.*

Come upon us with your Spirit, O God,  
and upon this cup of unity.

*May it set us free to love.*

**SINGING BEFORE THE MEAL** *In the Singing*

Red Hymnal 533

**SHARING THE 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 *One Bread, One Body*

**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 "Sicilienne" from *Pelleas et Melisande*

Faure

**\*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** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

Red Hymnal 298

**\*OFFERING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

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

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

Red Hymnal 538

**\*PARTING WITH A SONG** *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

## 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.

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

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

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Ruth Koenig and Debby Kohrt  
Nursery Attendant Rachel Dietz

## 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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## SEASON OF PENTECOST

In The Midst of New Dimensions  
In The Face of Changing Ways

## GATHERING TOGETHER

Even as these grains of wheat were scattered over the hills,  
and were gathered together and became a single loaf,  
so let Your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth  
into Your kingdom. The Didache

## ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio "Larghetto" from *Trio #2 in Bb* Mozart

## \*GATHERING AS CHRIST'S DISCIPLES

Like grains of wheat scattered by four strong winds,  
to the north and south, east and west,  
then gathered together to become a single loaf,  
Christ has gathered us into his body,  
that he may become our heart and soul,  
and we may become his hands and feet.

*May our bodies and our blood be united with Christ,  
may his Spirit become our breath, his desire our action,  
his humility our strength, his presence our food.  
In a world rapidly changing and anxiously divided,  
in a world with an uncertain future,  
may we hold fast to Christ and one another,  
may we embody Christ's way of love and wisdom,  
may our holy union help heal and reconcile this world.*

\*SINGING A HYMN *In the Midst of New Dimensions* Black Hymnal 391

