

SHARING AND PRAYING

SITTING IN SILENCE AND STILLNESS

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 THE LORD'S PRAYER

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READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Psalms 46

REFLECTING ON THE PASSAGE

Solastalgia, simply put, is the homesickness you have when you are still at home. Glenn Albrecht

Even the words—fear, anger, sorrow—are inadequate to convey the feelings that arise; for they connote emotions long familiar to our species. The feelings that assail us now cannot be equated with ancient dreads of mortality and “the heartache and the thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to.” Their source lies less in concerns for the personal self than in apprehensions of collective suffering—of what happens to our own and other species, to the legacy of our ancestors, to unborn generations, and to the living body of the earth. What we are dealing with here is akin to the original meaning of compassion: “suffering with.” It is the distress we feel on behalf of the larger whole of which we are a part. It is the pain of the world itself, experienced in each of us. Joanna Macy

SHARING CHRIST'S MEAL

REMEMBERING CHRIST'S WORDS

BLESSING THE MEAL

SINGING BEFORE THE MEAL *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*
Red Hymnal 509

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 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

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 “Larghetto” from *Sonata in A Major* Vivaldi

*PRAISING GOD

Tune: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

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 TOGETHER** *What Is the World Like* Red Hymnal 771

*OFFERING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

***SENDING SONG** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* Red Hymnal 541

***PARTING WITH A SONG** *Come! Live in the Light!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom VandeStadt has a new church e-mail address:
pastorccaucc@gmail.com

On **Sunday, September 8**, the Building Community Task Force (**Task Force 1**) will roll out the “**Activity Directory**,” **Task Force 4** members will meet with members of UBC and UCC for the on-going vision discussion, and our Micah 6 meal preparers and servers will provide a meal at the **Micah 6 Drop-In**.

On **Sunday, September 15**, after worship, we will gather for a **Congregational Meeting** to discuss and make a decision on the proposal to work with **Posada Esperanza** to **house and support** in our church building, for a period of several weeks to two months, **a family legally seeking asylum**. The team working on the planning and logistics will give a report, and then we will have our discussion and make our decision.

Our **All-Church Picnic** will be on **Saturday, September 28, starting at noon**. We will gather at Eastwoods Park, 3001 Harris Park Ave., which is conveniently located next to the Bodman’s house, which will be available for bathrooms, etc. Please email Whit Bodman (wbodman@mac.com) or Faye Dierksen (Dierksen.faye@gmail.com) and they will sort out who brings what.

On **Sunday, September 29**, **Amy Kent** and the **Sunday School class** will be hosting an **Open House** at **10:00 am** in the children’s Sunday School room.

On **Sunday, September 29**, after worship, those of us reading the book **Evicted, Poverty and Profit in the American City**, by Matthew Desmond, will gather to discuss the book.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Trustees, Thur, Sept 5, 7:15 pm, Reuel Nash’s
Deacons, Wed, Sept 11, 7:15 pm, Joy Penticuff’s
Coord Council, Wed, Sept 25, 7:15 pm, Whit Bodman’s

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Bill Beardall and Jaime Hadley
Nursery Attendant Joy Penticuff

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

We Will Not Fear
Though The Earth Should Change

GATHERING TOGETHER

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio “Adagio” from *Sonata in B minor*

Loeillet

*GATHERING IN COMMUNION WITH ALL WHO LABOR

The home that shelters us from the elements,
the clothes we put on to work and play,
the food we eat for breakfast, lunch, and dinner,
the building in which we now worship,
everything that sustains our lives
is provided to us by God’s creation and human labor.

*By Earth’s stone, soil, water, plants, and animals,
and by women, men, and children,
who work in this country and abroad,
sometimes in safe and just conditions,
other times in inhumane and unjust conditions,
sometimes in a sustainable and earth-friendly manner,
other times in an unsustainable and earth-damaging manner.*

We acknowledge the people whose labor supports our lives,
and all that we take and use from God’s good earth.

*And we pray that we may be agents of justice,
seeking the well-being of creation and all who labor in it.*

*SINGING TOGETHER *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

Red Hymnal 766