

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Like us, you have discerned Christ's call in your life, and Christ has led you here. Do you experience a call to follow the way of Christ with us, to be Christ's disciple with us, and to accept, embody, and express Christ's compassion, wisdom, mercy, and humility with us?

I do.

Do you experience a call to join us in resisting the powers in this world that oppress, exploit, and harm people, that damage this life-bearing earth, and to work with us with passion and diligence to create a world that is just and peaceful.

I do.

Do you experience a call to continue growing, developing, and maturing in your spiritual identity, and to participate in the life of this church by sharing regularly in our worship, participating in our ministries and activities, helping us discern our vision and make wise decisions, and reaching out to the world with God's liberating, healing, and reconciling love?

I do.

We are grateful that God's Spirit has moved you to join us as members of the Congregational Church of Austin, United Church of Christ. We welcome you with open arms into the life of this church. We promise you our friendship, love, and care. By the power of God's Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's love and Christ's ministry.

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.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS JESUS PRAYED

debts and debtors

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Isaiah 58: 1-9

REFLECTING

The reason we need social policies that will guarantee to everyone an adequate income, secure housing, equal access to healthcare, clean air and potable water, basic education, and a genuine opportunity for meaningful employment is not because the economy is a tightrope and we need to have safety nets for those who fall; rather, it is because the economy is a household that demonstrates its health only in its care for its members.

Steven Bouma-Prediger

If you're lucky enough to live toward the privileged end of the power spectrum, then you have the luxury of not paying much attention to the devastating weight of circumstances that crushes those at the other end.

Noelle Oxenhandler

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio "Allegro" from *Kindertrio in G Major*

Klengel

*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 A HYMN *O for a World*

Red Hymnal 372

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

Red Hymnal 543

*PARTING WITH A SONG *Hope of the World*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

University United Methodist Church will host an **Austin Interfaith Civic Academy on homelessness** on **Sunday, November 3, at 12:30 pm**. How the city of Austin is responding to the issue of homelessness is becoming a more contentious issue, so come learn the latest developments.

CCA will host a **Memorial Service for Dr. Vic Appel** on **Sunday, November 10, at 1:15 pm**. A light lunch will follow our Sunday worship service for those able to stay for the Memorial Service.

Austin Interfaith will host its **Delegates Assembly** on **Sunday, November 10, at 3 pm**, at **St. David's Episcopal Church**, located at 301 E. 8th Street (park in their garage). Come to learn about the slate of issues Austin Interfaith is addressing, and to celebrate the inauguration of the new and expanded Central Texas Interfaith.

CCA and Trinity church will host the **H.O.T. Association Fall Meeting on Saturday, November 16, starting at 11:00 am** (registration at 10:30 am) The meeting will be held at Trinity Church (4001 Speedway). The meeting will include a brief worship service, an Ecclesiastical Council for Cam Burton, fellowship and lunch.

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

Trustees: Thu, Nov 7, 7:15 pm, at Reuel Nash's
Deacons: Wed, Oct 13, 7:15 pm, at Joy Penticuff's

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Ruth Koenig and Jo Jensen
Nursery Assistant 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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October 27, 2019

Season of Pentecost

The Fast
God Chooses

GATHERING TOGETHER

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio *Largo*

Campagnoli

*GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

This is the fast God chooses:

to not just loosen the bonds of oppression,

but to split those bonds in two, to free the oppressed;

to not just loosen the straps that bind the yoke to the neck,

but to break the yoke itself, to cast it off the neck;

to not only share our bread with the hungry poor,

but to abolish the injustice of poverty, to end needless hunger;

to not only bring the homeless poor under our roof,

but to eliminate the need for words like "homeless" and "poor."

Sisters, brothers, siblings in Christ, let us worship God
in the manner God truly desires.

*As Christ-like agents of justice and righteousness,
as a people working to end poverty, homelessness, and hunger.*

*SINGING A HYMN *Heaven Shall Not Wait*

Red Hymnal 773