

Order of Worship for 3/13/2022
The Congregational Church of Austin
Second Sunday In Lent

Zoom link for Joys & Concerns: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2057847210>

Link to PDF of Hymns for larger print:

Prelude and Receiving the Light: Quintet from “Die Meistersinger” - R. Wagner

Welcome (Rev. Amelia)

Words for Centering:

A life well lived can be understood as one
that risks not being trapped or governed by its fears,
one that follows the pulse of what matters as it presents itself.
This is not to say that we will ever be free of fear, but that, in spite of our fear,
we can be drawn by what matters down the unplanned path of time,
where we are often called to choose
what is actually there over what we thought we'd find.
~ Mark Nepo

Hymn of Praise: Black Hymnal #17, “To You, O God, All Creatures Sing”

Reading: Genesis 3:1-7, read by John Goff
(translation by Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney in *A Women's Lectionary For the Whole Church, Year W*)

Reflecting: “When Someone Breaks the Rules”

Hymn of Reflection: Black Hymnal #401, “O God in Whom All Life Begins”

Offering invitation

Music: Andante from Trio #5 - W.A. Mozart

Doxology (*Tune: All Creatures Of Our God and King*)

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.

Prayer of Dedication (liturgy by Rev. Tom VandeStadt, 3/8/2020)

As we peer into the future with our mind's eye,
or play out different scenarios in our imagination,
 how things could go,
 what could happen,
 who could do what,
some of us may see scary giants ahead,
 insurmountable problems,
 major disruptions,
 significant losses,
and feel frightened.

The giants we see in our future may be real,
and as big, as significant, and as disruptive as they appear,
or they may not be real, or if they are real,
not as big as they seem, not as significant as we imagine,
not as disruptive as we fear.

***We pray for the ability to acknowledge our fear,
without being oppressed or controlled by our fear,
including our fear of the future, and our fear of uncertainty,
if we face an uncertain future.***

We pray for the courage, the faith, the inner strength, the grace, the resilience, the love, the wisdom, and the support from others that we need each day, that we may face in a Christ-like manner what each day brings, and face whatever the future brings, be it truly scary and disruptive, or not. AMEN.

Sending Song: Red Hymnal #692 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

Carrying the Light Into the World

Benediction

Postlude: Chaconne - G.F. Handel

Leading In Today's Service:

John Goff, Deacon of the Week
Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor
Kyle Riley, Director of Online Ministries
Jonathan Geer, Piano
Amy Harris, Violin
Hector Moreno, Cello