



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of AUSTIN

An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ

Order of Worship for 10/2/2022

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

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

Link to PDF of Hymns for larger print:

Prelude & Receiving the Light of Christ: Sicilienne M. Von Paradis

Welcome

Words for Centering:

“Liminal”

The space between
Neither this, nor that
Ripe, potent, uncertain, shaky
A Downing, a Dusking...
the imminent threshold
emerging
crossing... to what?
Slow down
The moment is calling you
to pay... exquisite
... attention...
~ Christine McDougall

***Hymn of Celebration:** Black Hymnal #417 “*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*”

***Invocation**

Listening To the Sacred Text: Ezra 3:1-13

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

Word and words, O God. Help us to hear the One among the many.

Reflecting: “What Is God Calling Us To Do?”

***Hymn of Reflection:** Black Hymnal #349 “*I Come with Joy*”

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (in unison)

Holy God, source and creator of all things, eternal love, we give thanks to you: Creator, who loves us infinitely, Redeemer who reveals to us unconditional love, Sustainer who empowers us with divine love, gather us together in your love, that we may grow in visible communion and so witness to unity in the world. Where your people are broken, may love mend. When hatred shouts in the world, let love bring peace with justice. As creation groans, may redemption come to all the earth. Come with your divine love, and enter our hearts. Move your church, and move the world to reconciliation and unity. Amen.

(adapted from the World Council of Churches Unity Statement, 2022)

Sharing the Meal

Offering invitation

Offertory Music: Adagio from Concerto 9 C.A. de Bériot

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

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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Song:** Black Hymnal #283 *Spirit of the Living God* (4x)

Spirit of the Living God

Mercy of the Living God

Kindness of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God

Benediction

Postlude: Allegretto moderato from Concerto 9 C.A. de Bériot

****Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.***

Leading In Today's Service:

Warinda Harris, Usher

Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries

Amy Harris, Violin

Anya Toskey, Deputy Deacon

Jonathan Geer, Piano