



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of AUSTIN

An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ

Order of Worship for 7/16/2023

**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

**Prelude**

Andante con moto from trio sonata Op. 49

C. M. von Weber

**Welcome & Opening Sentences**

*"Blessed are those you choose  
and bring near to live in your courts!*

*We are filled with the good things of your house,  
of your holy temple.*

*You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,  
God our Savior,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas,*

*who formed the mountains by your power,  
having armed yourself with strength,*

*who stilled the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the turmoil of the nations.*

*The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;  
where morning dawns, where evening fades,  
you call forth songs of joy."*

Psalm 65:4-8 (NIV)

**\*Hymn of Celebration:**

"Great God of Every Blessing"

Glory to God #694

**\*Invocation** (Unison)

Creator, your presence among us illuminates our lives. Make us fertile soil, receptive to the seeds planted by your word. Nourish us with Living Water and grow us through the energy of your empowered and healing rays of sunshine. Let us encounter you afresh as we gather in community. May our worship show our love for you and each other.  
Make your presence known to us and through us for your glory. Amen.

**Listening To the Sacred Text:**

Genesis 25:19-34

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

**Reflecting in Community**

“The Burden of a Birthright”

**\*Hymn of Reflection:**

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

New Century Hymnal #569

**Worship Gift**

“Go Down, Death”

Joy Penticuff

*James Weldon Johnson*

**Invitation to Generosity**

*“How might we be abundant? And in what ways are we still in need?” ~ Rev. Dr. Elyse Berry*

Offertory Music:

Rêve Angélique

A. Rubinstein

**\*Doxology** (Tune: *Old Hundredth, New Century Hymnal #780*)

*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**

**Announcements**

**\*Sending Song:**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”  
(two verses)

Glory to God #306

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:**

Tambourin

J. Birkenstock

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

**Leading In Today’s Service:**

Laura Martin, Director of Music

Sarah Darter, Usher

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Liz Lee, Cello

Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries

CJ Wood, Liturgist

Amy Harris, Violin