

of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was* the Messiah.*

Anthem “Abide With Me” arr. Black

Reflecting in Community “Identity of the Courageous Kind!” Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel

Silence

Invitation to Generosity Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel
You are invited to give so that we can continue to serve our neighbors in Austin and throughout the world. Your generosity can be in cash, a check, or scanning the QR code to give online (see page 3 of this bulletin). Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Music “Prayer of St. Francis” Lucy Erda

***Doxology** Tune: *All Creatures of Our God & King, Glory to God #15*
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** Rev. Sarah Darter

Liturgy for the Blessing of the Interim Pastor and Teacher

Bill Beardall Dear friends, baptized in the priesthood of Christ, we are all called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the God of all creation in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us. Today we give thanks to God for the Ministry that God has given to the people of Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Austin and for the faithful service of its members and former pastors. And now we begin a new part of the journey with our interim pastor, Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel. We ask God’s guidance for our ministry as we join together in prayer.

Warinda Harris Gracious God, you have blessed and sustained us for many years and have given us this life together in the Christian community of this congregation. Be with us now, we pray, as we enter this in-between time. Comfort us as we grieve the past or look anxiously to the future. Bless and guide us as we reflect upon our history and dream dreams about our future, so that we might be prepared for the next stage in this congregation’s life. Give us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and service to others, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Rev. Ginny As we begin this interim time together, we begin new relationships. I have been called as your interim pastor, to be God’s servant among you during this special time, until that time when you call a settled pastor. I pledge to you my commitment as a minister of the gospel among you: I will pray for you, listen to you, assist you in the tasks of this interim period, encouraging and challenging you as we move through this time together.

All **And we, the people of Congregational Church, Austin, receive you as a servant of God and pledge our partnership as we continue to use the gifts God has given us, in the many ministries of the gospel in this place: in worship, education, witness, service and stewardship.**

Rev. Ginny

May God bless us and lead us as we together embark on this interim journey. And may we view this time as a time of learning and growth as God's spirit instructs and prepares us for the future mission and ministry of the church in this place.

***Sending Song**

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

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***Benediction**

Postlude

Allegro from Sonata in D

D. Buxtehude

Leading In Today's Service:

Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel, Interim Pastor and Teacher

Rev. Sarah Darter, Usher & Liturgist

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Amy Harris, Violin

Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries

Laura Martin, Director of Music

Robin Rosson, Cello

Welcome to Congregational Church, UCC, Austin!

If you are visiting for the first time, we are so glad you have joined us! We invite you to join us after worship for a time of fellowship so that we can learn more about you and share more about our church with you!

Thank you for leading us in worship with your presence!

