

Welcome to Congregational Church, Austin, UCC!

If you are visiting for the first time, we are so glad you have joined us! Thank you for leading us in worship with your presence!

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!

Please click on the QR code below and fill out the information form so that we can learn more about you!



Leading In Today's Service:

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

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Jaime Hadley, Usher

Amy Harris, Violin

Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries

Laura Martin, Director of Music

Robin Rosson, Cello

Madison Turner, Liturgist



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ

Order of Worship for 9/10/2023

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Words for Centering

Brother David Steindl-Rast

Another name for God

Is surprise.

Prelude

“Spanish Dance”

M. Moszowski

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel

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***Hymn of Celebration**

“You are Welcome Here”

Sing Prayer Praise #26

***Call to Worship**

Madison Turner

Praise God! Sing to God a new song!

The words of Psalm 149 match our joy to worship together because God indeed has given us a new song!

I am reminded of the celebration our choir led with us last Friday when we all fellowshiped together! Talk about a new song of fellowship!

That’s right! And like the psalter, whose new song was anchored in the challenging political reality of greedy leaders, our new song is faced with the same oppressive political reality at our state capital.

God is calling us to a new song of equity and liberation to the most vulnerable in Austin!

So come, let us worship God as we sing our new song of justice together!

Reading of the Hebrew Scriptures

Psalm 149

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***Hymn of Reflection**

“Praise Our God Above”

NCH424

Prayers for God’s Beloved Community

Rev. Ginny

Reading of the Christian Scriptures

Romans 13:8-10

Madison Turner

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

This is the spirit of God’s love. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“What a Fellowship”

arr. Cherwien

Reflecting in Community

“What is Your New Song?”

Rev. Ginny

Silence

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Ginny

You are invited to financially give so that we can continue to serve our neighbors in Austin and throughout the world. Your generosity can be with cash, a check, or scanning the QR code to give online (see the back of this bulletin). Thank you for your generosity.



Offertory Music

“By the Book”

R. de Boisdeffre

***Doxology**

Tune, All Creatures of Our God & 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**

Madison Turner

Accept our gifts, O Generous God, as our expression of praise to you. May your love reach all who are served by our financial gifts so that your creation sings a new song today and always. Amen.

***Sending Song**

“I Woke Up This Morning”

NCH85

***Benediction**

Rev. Ginny

Postlude

“Bourree”

J. L. Krebs

You are invited to be seated and listen to the postlude as our gift to you from the Divine.