

Welcome to the Congregational Church of Austin, UCC!

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!

Leading In Today's Service:

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

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Amy Harris, Violin

Roberto Hernández, Usher and Deputy Deacon

Laura Martin, Director of Music

Reuel Nash, Sound and Worship Streaming

Stephen Russell, Worship Leader

** When we refer to the New Century Hymnal, we use the acronym, NCH.



Invitation to Baptismal Bowl and Prayer Net During Offertory

You are invited to bring your offering forward and place in the offering plate. You are also invited to the table near the prayer net. Our baptismal bowl is there for you to dip your fingers in God's Living Water as a baptismal reminder that you are created in God's image and loved wholly just as you are! You are also invited to take a prayer ribbon (symbolizing the prayers you bring with you today) and tie it to the prayer net to remind us that God holds the collective prayers of creation together in God's love for all of creation.

If you would rather remain seated and participate, simply lift your hand and an usher will bring you an offering plate and prayer ribbon. Please participate as much or as little as you choose.

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Order of Worship for 6/2/2024

Second Sunday After Pentecost

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

Words for Centering

Bayard Rustin

To be afraid is to behave as if the truth were not true.

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

Improvisation on "The Church's One Foundation"

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel

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***Hymn of Celebration**

Fearfully, Wonderfully Made

Crabtree and Whitehill

Handout

***Call to Worship**

Stephen Russell

Friends and neighbors of the Congregational Church of Austin, what treasures do you bring with you to worship today?

We bring our treasures of love, acceptance, and awareness of God's justice in an unjust world.

You sound like Paul's second letter to the Corinthian church, where he says that our treasures come from God even and especially when we face adversity.

Yes! As we begin Pride month, we give thanks for our LGBTQIA+ models of persistence and courage as we demand that our treasures be respected.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – this is our treasure within each of us!

So come, let us bring our treasures and worship the God, who creates us in God's image!

Reading of the Hebrew Scriptures Psalm 139, page 715 Stephen Russell

***Hymn of Reflection** Somos Pueblo Que Camina (We are People on a Journey)
**NCH340

Prayers for God's Beloved Community Rev. Ginny

Reading of the Christian Scriptures 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 Rev. Ginny

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

Anthem Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me arr. Scott

Reflecting in Community Rev. Ginny

Silence

Communion

**An Invitation to Everyone
The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup
A Prayer of Nourishing Love**

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 Little Horses from "Old American Songs" A. Copland

***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** Stephen Russell
Loving and inclusive God, we thank you for the treasures you have entrusted to us. As we offer these gifts today, we ask for your blessing upon them, that they may be used to spread your love, justice, and peace. During this Pride month, we celebrate the diversity of your creation and the beauty of each individual. May these offerings support the work of inclusion and affirmation for all. In your many names we pray, Amen.

***Sending Song** Help Us Accept Each Other NCH388

***Benediction**

Postlude Simple Gifts from "Appalachian Spring" A. Copland
*You are invited to be seated and listen to the postlude as our gift to you from the Divine.
After the postlude, we will have a time of joys and concerns and prayer.
If you are visiting with us, you are invited to stay for as much or as little as you choose.
We are grateful for your presence with us today!*