

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!

Thank you for leading us in worship with your presence!

Leading In Today's Service:

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Amy Harris, Violin

Roberto Hernández, Usher and Deputy Deacon

Laura Martin, Director of Music

Liz Nash, Worship Leader

Reuel Nash, Sound and Worship Streaming

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

Rev. Ginny is on vacation with her family, from June 21-27. If you have an emergency, please call CCA Moderator, Liz Nash, or the Office Manager, Donna Cravens.



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.



**The Congregational Church of Austin, UCC,
an Open and Affirming Congregation**

*Providing a nurturing, safe, and affirming community for all people to flourish
in God's love, justice, and peace!*

408 W. 23rd Street Austin, TX 78705

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Order of Worship for 6/23/2024

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Words for Centering

Madeleine L'Engle

We can't take any credit for our talents. It's how we use them that counts.

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

Improvisation on "Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit"

Welcome and Announcements

Liz Nash

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***Hymn of Celebration**

Fearfully, Wonderfully Made

Crabtree and Whitehill

Please see handout

Poem Reading

"Daybreak in Alabama" by Langston Hughes

Joy Penticuff

***Call to Worship** *Adapted from the UCC Worship Ways* Liz Nash
How very good and pleasant it is when the beloved community live in unity and share our talents in worship together!

It is like the precious oil on our heads which anoints our worship and praise.

It is like a soft mist, which falls on the mountains of the earth.

For there God has ordained the blessing, life forevermore. So come, let us share our gifts of music, art, and readings, as we worship God our Creator!

Special Music **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms** Bill Beardall

***Hymn of Reflection** Praise the Source of Faith and Learning **NCH411

Prayers for God's Beloved Community Liz Nash

Special Music **"Poses" by Rufus Wainwright** Jonathan Geer

Reading of the Christian Scriptures Mark 4:35-41 Liz Nash

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

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

Reading of Poem **"Green Light Go" by Emmy Perez** Barbara Burnham

Anthem With a Voice of Singing Shaw

Sharing Church History **The Story of CCA and John McNeely** Pat and Mel Oakes

Invitation to Generosity Liz Nash
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 Xitlali Hernández-Geer

***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** Liz Nash
O Holy One, we are grateful for the gifts of talents and finances that we receive in our lives. We thank you for those who have shared their talents of music, art, and history with us this morning. We offer and dedicate our financial gifts so that your peace will continue to reach those in the storms of life. In Christ's name, Amen.

***Sending Song** When in Our Music God is Glorified NCH561

***Benediction** Liz Nash

Postlude Dancing Doll F. Kreisler
*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!*