



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

An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 7/28/2024
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Words for Centering

Henri Nouwen

*Hospitality is not to change people,
But to offer them space where change can take place.
It is not to bring [people over to our side,
But to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines.*

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

Improvisation on "Let us Break Bread Together"

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel

*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!*

***Hymn of Celebration**

At This Table

Menzel and Myrin

***Call to Worship**

Jaime Hadley

Good morning, friends & neighbors! On this last Sunday in July, what is your favorite part of summer?

We love the relaxed schedule and vacations with family; we love grilling out and enjoying our gardens. We love the summer!

The summer often provides us the opportunity to replenish our bodies, minds, and souls in miraculous and abundant ways!

This is like the wedding at Cana when Jesus' mother was aware of the scarcity of wine; she created the opportunity for Jesus to transform water into wine among them.

The gospel of John reminds us that this wine symbolized a new age, where God's justice would flow in abundant hospitality for all people to flourish.

So come, let us celebrate the abundance of summers, miraculous transformations, and the hospitality of God's justice for all! Come let us worship God!

Reading of the Hebrew Scriptures Amos 9:13-14 Jaime Hadley

The time is surely coming, says the Lord, when the one who plows shall overtake the one who reaps, and the treader of grapes the one who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

Reading of the Christian Scriptures John 2:1-11 Rev. Ginny

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

***Hymn of Reflection** Somos Pueblo Que Camina **NCH340

Prayers for God's Beloved Community Rev. Ginny

Anthem Gnossienne No. 1 Satie

Reflecting in Community Rev. Ginny
Nevertheless They Persisted from Scarcity to Abundance

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

Sicilienne from Pelléas et Mélisande

G. Fauré

*Doxology & King

Tune, All Creatures of Our God

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

Jaime Hadley

God of abundance, as we offer these gifts, may they be transformed to bring forth your justice and peace. Empower us to use these offerings to provide spaces where all people are welcomed, valued, and can flourish in your love. Let this dedication be a step towards your hospitality of wholeness and equity for all. Amen.

*Sending Song

As the Wind Song

**GTG292

*Benediction

Rev. Ginny

Postlude

Finale from Rondo all' Ongarese

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Haydn

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!

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:

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

Jonathan Geer, Piano

John Goff, Sound and Worship Streaming

Jaime Hadley, Worship Leader

Amy Harris, Violin

Roberto Hernández, Usher and Deputy Deacon

Liz Lee, Cello

Laura Martin, Director of Music

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



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.