



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!*

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

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

**Words for Centering**

Ramakrishna

*When the flower blooms, the bees come uninvited.*

**Ringling of the Bells**

**Prelude**

Carrying You

Joe Hisaishi

**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**

Kay Pruett

Friends and neighbors, why have you come to worship this morning?

**We come, like Zacchaeus, to experience Christ's liberating love in music, scripture, and the embrace of one another.**

And like Zacchaeus, Christ invites himself to be our guest in our sanctuary, home, and heart.

**There is no extra cleaning or preparations necessary! Jesus comes to receive us as we are for all people to flourish! Woohoo!**

In order for all people to flourish, we must be nourished in the bread of life and the cup of Christ's liberating love.

**So come, let us worship God, who nourishes us to flourish together!**

**Reading of the Hebrew Scriptures**

Psalm 48

Kay Pruett

**\*Hymn of Reflection**

As We Gather at Your Table

\*\*NCH332

**Prayers for God's Beloved Community**

Rev. Ginny

**Reading of the Christian Scriptures** Luke 19:1-10

Rev. Ginny

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Child of Humanity came to seek out and to save the lost.'

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

**Special Music** They've Got the Whole World in Their Hands

Laura Martin

**Reflecting in Community**

Rev. Ginny

Can I Come Over...for All People to Flourish!

**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.*

## **Communion**

**An Invitation to Everyone**

**The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup**

**A Prayer of Nourishing Love**

**Communion Music**

Elegy

Carl Davis

**\*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**

Kay Pruett

Receive our gifts, O Divine Guest at our table. Bless these gifts to more fully empower all people to flourish in your love, justice, and peace. Amen.

**\*Sending Song**

This is My Song

NCH591

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Ginny

**Postlude**

Cake-Walk

Simon Nicholls

*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*

*Rev. Sarah Darter, Usher and Deputy Deacon*

*Valeria Diaz, Guest Pianist*

*Lucy Erda, Sound and Worship Streaming*

*Liz Lee, Cello*

*Laura Martin, Director of Music*

*Kay Pruett, 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.*