

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

John Goff, Sound and Worship Streaming

Amy Harris, Violin

Roberto Hernández, Worship Leader

Roberto Hernández, Usher and Deputy Deacon

Liz Lee, Cello

Laura Martin, Director of Music

** When we refer to the Glory to God Hymnal, we use the acronym, GTG.
CCLI# is 11086713



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.



**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 8/11/2024

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Words for Centering

Shanna Katz Kattari (they/them)

Professor, Sexuality Educator, and Activist

*"When you show up as your authentic self, whatever that may be,
You allow others to do the same, creating the world we all deserve."*

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

I Will Wait For You

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Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel

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Thank you for leading us in worship with your presence!

***Hymn of Celebration**

Let it Shine

Sing! Prayer and Praise 196

***Call to Worship**

Roberto Hernández

This is the day our God has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Let us rejoice in the Rainbow biblical stories when God's justice overcame all hatred and fear of others.

Let us rejoice in the Rainbow stories of our Trans siblings who, like the eunuchs in the Hebrew Scriptures, courageously live out God's love despite being persecuted.

We rejoice that God's justice abounds! So come, let us worship the God of our Rainbow stories.

Reading of the Hebrew Scriptures Isaiah 56:1-8 Rev. Ginny

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing any evil.

Do not let the foreigner joined to the Lord say, ‘The Lord will surely separate me from his people’; and do not let the eunuch say, ‘I am just a dry tree.’ For thus says the Lord: To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant — these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Reading of the Christian Scriptures Luke 15:4-7 Roberto Hernández

‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

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

***Hymn of Reflection** Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives St. Denio

Prayers for God’s Beloved Community Rev. Ginny

Anthem God of Many Faces Slane

Reflecting in Community TransForming ~ A Rainbow Story of the Eunuch 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 Girl From Barcelona Kostia

***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** Roberto Hernández

Gracious and just God, we dedicate these offerings to your care, trusting that they will advance your justice in the world. Bless those who have given and those who will receive, that they may both experience your boundless love and peace. As you gather all who seek your name, may these gifts contribute to a just world where all people can flourish in your love, justice, and peace. Amen.

***Sending Song** All are Welcome **GTG301

***Benediction** Rev. Ginny

Postlude Presto Mozart

*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!*