



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 10/20/2024  
***Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost***

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

**Words for Centering**

Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson

*We are the dawn, the first light in the morning sky, we are the beginning of new  
blooms, the evidence that love has taken root and is at home among us.*

**Ringling of the Bells**

**Prelude**

Improvisation on Spirit of the Living God

**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**

We are Marching in the Light of God

\*\*NCH526

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Ginny

Friends and neighbors, of the Congregational Church of Austin, why have  
you come to worship this morning?

**We come as Christ's feet celebrating that we are indeed marching in the  
illumination of God's love throughout Austin and God's Beloved Community!**

We are the Body of Christ! Woohoo!

**We come as Christ's heart welcoming our new Interim Conference  
Minister and share with her our love and concerns for our beloved South  
Central Conference!**

We are the Body of Christ! Woohoo!

**We come as Christ's open arms providing a nurturing, safe, and  
affirming community for all people to flourish in God's love, justice, and  
peace! Woohoo!**

We are the Body of Christ! Woohoo!

**So come, as the body of Christ, and let us worship our God, who makes us stronger together as the body of Christ! Woohoo!**

**Reading of the Hebrew Scriptures**

Job 38: 1-7

Rev. Ginny

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man; I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?”

**Reading of the Christian Scriptures**

1 Corinthians 12:18-27

Rev. Molly Carlson

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as God chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

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

**\*Hymn of Reflection**

You are Welcome Here

Sing! Prayer and Praise #26

**Generosity Testimonial**

Rev. Shelby Nowland

**Prayers for God’s Beloved Community**

Rev. Ginny

**Anthem**

Children of the God Who Made Us

Hopson

**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**

Mother and Child

W. G. Still

**\*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**

Rev. Ginny

**\*Sending Song**

God of Change and Glory

NCH177

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Molly Carlson

**Postlude**

Simple Gifts

A. Copeland

*You are invited to be seated and listen to the postlude as our gift to you from the Divine.*

*After the postlude, you are invited to stay for our joys and concerns and then a time of fellowship. 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!

**Leading In Today's Service:**

*Rev. Molly Carlson, Guest Preacher and Interim Conference Minister*

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

*Jonathan Geer, Piano*

*Amy Harris, Violin*

*Roberto Hernández, Usher and Deputy Deacon*

*Liz Lee, Cello*

*Laura Martin, Director of Music*

*Serge Martinez, Director of Online Ministries*

\*\* *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.  
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**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.*