

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

Jaime Hadley, Worship Leader

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.



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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Order of Worship for 10/27/2024

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

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

Words for Centering

Anne Lamott

You will lose someone you can't live without, and your heart will be badly broken, and the bad news is that you never completely get over the loss of your beloved. But this is also the good news. They live forever in your broken heart that doesn't seal back up. And you come through. It's like having a broken leg that never heals perfectly—that still hurts when the weather gets cold, but you learn to dance with the limp.

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

Improvisation on Come, Gather in this Special Place

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel

*Hymn of Celebration

We are Marching in the Light of God

**NCH526

*Call to Worship

Jaime Hadley

Friends and neighbors, we gather to worship God our Creator on this All-Saints Sunday. Let us love God with all our heart, mind, and strength.

We gather to honor the saints who have come before us, teaching us how to love in the fullness of God. Let us love God with all our heart, mind, and strength.

We gather to fellowship with one another as we build relationships with our neighbors with whom we agree and disagree. Let us love our neighbor as ourselves.

We gather in praise and celebration that the God of Justice and Peace will guide us through this significant moment in our democracy. Let us love our neighbor as ourselves.

We gather to be nourished in bread and cup, remembering that God sustains all communities with God's love. Let us love our neighbors as ourselves.

So come, friends and neighbors, and let us love God with all of who we are as we love and are loved by our neighbor.

Reading of the Hebrew Scriptures Job 42:1-6 Rev. Ginny

Then Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

Reading of the Christian Scriptures Revelation 21:1-6a Jaime Hadley

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them; they will be God's peoples, and God will be with them; God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also God said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then God said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

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

Generosity Testimonial Amy Harris

***Hymn of Reflection** For All the Saints **NCH299

Honoring the Saints of Our Lives

In a moment, we will speak the names of each Congregational Church member, who has died in 2024 followed by the sound of a chime to honor God in their lives. After these names are spoken, you are invited to speak the name of a deceased loved one and we will honor God in each of them with the sound of a chime.

*John Derek Burlinson May 3, 2024
William Mueller January 10, 2024
Tommie Pinkard April 15, 2024*

Prayers for God's Beloved Community Rev. Ginny

Anthem Into the World of Light Pruitt, Shelton

Reflecting in Community Channeling the Peace of our Ancestors Rev. Ginny

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 Rev. Ginny

**An Invitation to Everyone
The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup
A Prayer of Nourishing Love**

Offertory Music Serenade F. Schubert, Arr. R. Klugescheid

***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** Jaime Hadley
God of every time and place, we dedicate these gifts in gratitude for the saints who have gone before us, whose lives reflect your love, justice, and peace. May these offerings extend their legacy, sowing seeds of compassion and hope in a world longing for healing. May this act of giving inspire us to live as saints today—faithful, courageous, and committed to the flourishing of all people, in Your name. Amen.

***Sending Song** God of All Peoples C. Winfrey Gillette

***Benediction** Rev. Ginny

Postlude Allegretto from Trio in D M. Clementi Arr. J. Haroutounian
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!