



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 1/19/2025
Second Sunday After Epiphany

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

Words for Centering Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1956 sermon
*The God that we worship is not a weak God, [God] is not an incompetent God and
consequently [God] is able to beat back gigantic mountains of opposition and to
bring low prodigious hill tops of evil. The ringing cry of the Christian faith is that
our God is able.*

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude Improvisation on "When Minds and Bodies Meet as One"

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** Morningstar verses 3 & 4

*Liberate yesterday, free for tomorrow.
Guide all who search for you, in stress or sorrow.
We sing for joy of you, while our souls cling to you.
You are the Morningstar.*

*In faith we seek your face, power and brilliance,
Strong and uplifting hands, grace-filled resilience.
We sing for joy of you, while our souls cling to you.
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***Call to Worship**

Warinda Harris

Friends and neighbors, God has called us to gather, to rejoice in God's steadfast love and justice.

For God will not rest until justice is done and righteousness shines like the dawn.

Like the writer of Isaiah, we are reminded that God's promises are sure for we will be called by a new name.

Like the Israelites, God calls us by name, each one known and loved, that reflects God's covenant and faithfulness to us.

By what name shall God call us today as we seek to work towards God's justice in West Campus and throughout God's creation?

Let us listen with the light of God's vision guiding our way.

So come, let us worship together for we are named and claimed by the One who loves us with an everlasting love.

Reading of the Hebrew Scriptures. Isaiah 62:1-5 *(from the Inclusive Bible)*

For Zion's sake, I will not be silent; for the sake of Jerusalem, I will not rest – not until her integrity shines like the dawn, her deliverance like a flaming torch. The nations will see your vindication, and the rulers your splendor; you will have a new name that Yahweh's mouth will bestow. You will be a garland of beauty in Yahweh's hands, a solemn crown worn by your God. Never again will you be called Forsaken. Never again will your land be called Desolate.

But you will be called My Delight is in Her, and your land shall be called Married. For Yahweh will take delight in you and your land will be joined with God in wedlock. For just as a newly married couple rejoice over each other, so will Yahweh rejoice over you.

Reading of the Christian Scriptures 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Warinda Harris

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

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

Victor Cardenas, Custodian

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Amy Harris, Violin

Warinda Harris, Worship Leader

Roberto Hernández, Rev. Sarah Darter, Lynn Chavarria, Deacons

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.
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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.