

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

*We do, with the help of God.*

Do you promise, by the grace of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, and to teach your child that he may become a disciple of Jesus Christ?

*We do, with the help of God.*

Do you promise to witness to the word and work of Jesus Christ to your child, by resisting the powers that oppress and exploit God's people and do harm to God's creation, by expressing Christ's love and compassion in your daily lives, and by working with passion and diligence to create a world that is just and peaceful?

*We do, with the help of God.*

Do you promise to help your child grow and mature in Christian faith by participating with your child in the life of the church, both its worship and ministry?

*We do, with the help of God.*

Jesus Christ call us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the child about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ.

*We promise our love, support, and care, as well as our friendship and prayers.*

*We welcome this child into the life of the church, and we pray that he may continue to grow in God's love and Christ's service.*

## PRAYING FOR OURSELVES, ONE ANOTHER, AND THE WORLD

**SHARING THE STORY OF OUR MINISTRY**

Warinda Harris

**REFLECTING SILENTLY UPON OUR LIVES**

**SHARING FROM THE DEPTHS OF OUR LIVES**

**OPENING OURSELVES IN PRAYER**

**PRAYING AS JESUS PRAYED**

(debts and debtors)

**RECEIVING OUR CHOIR'S GIFT** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* arr. Hogan

## READING AND REFLECTING

**READING FROM THE BIBLE**

Ephesians 5: 6-20

**REFLECTING**

I kept speaking and traveling throughout my adolescence. And after having a few intense experiences in my later teens that opened me up to the deeper cultural roots of climate change, my message started shifting. I began to see the climate crisis as a symptom of a deeper problem within the human psyche—specifically with the worldview of individualism and disconnection that lies at the root of our industrial system.

Through all of this, the one thing that is clearest to me is that we are living in a time of great transition, and that young people will be the ones to witness and shape this shift more than anyone else.

Alec Loorz

We have little or no representation in government, yet the effects of climate change will affect us more than anyone else. This is a way we can speak for ourselves and stand up for our future.

Kiran Oommen

Once you start involving children, people start listening more.

Aji Piper

## OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

**OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD**

Trio "Allegro" from *Sonata IV*

Handel

**\*PRAISING GOD**

Tune: Lasst uns erfuen

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.

**\*DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND POSSESSIONS TO GOD**

## DEPARTING TO PRACTICE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

**\*SINGING A HYMN** *Un mandamiento Nuevo* (in English)

NCH 389

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*SENDING SONG** *Go Forth into the World in Peace*

Rutter

**\*PARTING WITH A SONG** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

In response to the rise of Islamophobia in our nation, our church is participating in the **Interfaith Action for Human Rights** banner project by hanging a banner that says, "We Stand With Our Muslim Neighbors."

The **rainbow stole** on the pulpit is in support of the struggle of all **LGBTQ** people for equity and justice, and for a life that is free from prejudice, intimidation and violence.

The **Turkish American Muslim Community in Austin** has invited our church to an **Iftar dinner** on the evening of **Thursday, June 1**. We will gather with them at the Raindrop Center at 7:45 pm and share a meal they provide at 8:30 pm. **The Raindrop Center** is at 12400 Amherst Dr., right off MOPAC between Duval and Parmer. They would like to know by May 20 how many people from CCA will attend, so please send Tom an e-mail letting him know you plan to attend: revtomv@swbell.net.

**Rev. Dr. Whit Bodman** will teach a class after worship on Sunday, May 21. He's calling the class, "**What is Scripture—Torah, Testament, Qur'an.**" Please join us if you're able.

**Summer will be here before you know it**, which means Nodie Murphy is soliciting **worship gifts** to replace the choir's Sunday anthem. Please consider sharing a gift with us—a poem (original or found), a song, an art work, a photo, a dance--something that has enriched your spiritual life. The offering should be five minutes or less in length; tell us and show us what it has meant to you.

**Mission Possible: Youth Group Journey to Washington, D.C.** The Youth Group will be traveling to Washington, DC this summer to help social justice ministries serve the homeless, refugees and underserved youth. **Our newest fundraiser** is an "envelope fundraiser" asking for donations toward the trip. Decorated envelopes are posted on a posterboard with designated dollar denominations. Simply choose the amount you would like to donate, select your favorite envelope with that denomination, place cash or check inside and drop it in the collection plate provided. Thank you all for your support!

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Coord Counc, Tue, May 30, 7:15 pm at the Bodmans'

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Gail Christeson and John Goff  
Fellowship Host Deacons

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**The Adult Christian Education Group** meets Sundays at 10:00 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**Middle School and High School Students** remain in the service the first Sunday of each month; other Sundays their Sunday School begins after the Choral Anthem.

**Elementary Sunday School** is held during the 11:00 am service, immediately following "Time With Children." The children will be escorted from the Sanctuary to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Christian Education room, and can be picked up from there after the service.

**Infant and Toddler Care** is available throughout the service in the Nursery.

Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

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| Rev. Thomas J VandeStadt | Pastor                     |
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| Rev. Van Herd            | Adult Christian Education  |
| Rev. Amelia Fulbright    | Labyrinth Student Ministry |
| Jonathan Geer            | Piano                      |
| Amy Harris               | Violin                     |
| Tony Rogers              | Cello                      |
| Amy Rivera               | Sunday School Teacher      |
| Lynne Lemley             | Interim Office Manager     |
| Victor Cardenas          | Custodian                  |

## THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AUSTIN

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**May 14, 2017**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**



## GATHERING

Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.  
Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,  
making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5: 14-16

## WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

## SHARING OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio *Melodie*

Gluck/Kreisler

## \*GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Sisters, brothers, wake up!  
These are perilous times.  
Awaken to wisdom. And act!  
Don't waste your time. Don't be distracted.  
See Christ's light. Embody Christ's light.

*Let us awaken together,  
sing together, pray together,  
and act together.  
These times call for wisdom and light,  
so let us waste no time.  
Let us act wisely in these perilous days.  
Let us embody Christ's light in this troubled world.*

**SINGING A HYMN** *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

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