

REMEMBERING THOSE LOST IN WAR AND PRAYING FOR PEACE

We hold in our hearts and minds today the men and women who served our nation in the armed forces, particularly those who lost their lives in our nation's conflicts.

We do so as a people who mourn the discord and warfare that continues to plague human life, as a people who long for peace built on justice and mutual respect.

We hold in our hearts and minds the mothers and fathers who were unable to welcome home a son or daughter, and the sons and daughters, the sisters and brothers, who lost a parent or sibling to war.

We do so as a people who understand the pain of loss and grief, as a people who know that wars leave their mark on the living long after they end.

We hold in our hearts and minds not only those from our nation who have fought and perished in war, but those from all nations on earth whose lives were cut short by violent conflict.

We do so as a people who pray that all swords may be turned into plowshares, and all spears into pruning hooks, as a people who seek to embody the peace of Christ. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRAYING FOR OURSELVES, ONE ANOTHER, AND THE WORLD

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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Young

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Psalm 23

REFLECTING

To set apart one day a week for freedom, a day on which we would not use the instruments which have been so easily turned into weapons of destruction, a day for being with ourselves, a day of detachment from the vulgar, of independence from external obligations, a day on which we stop worshipping the idols of technical civilization, a day on which we use no money, a day of armistice in the economic struggle with our fellow humans and the forces of nature—is there any institution that holds out a greater hope for our progress than the Sabbath? Abraham Joshua Heschel

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio *Allegretto*

Gretry

*PRAISING GOD

Tune: Lasst uns erfruen

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 *Children of God*

Black Hymnal 533

*OFFERING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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

Rutter

*PARTING WITH A SONG *I Love to Tell the Story*

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.

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.

The **Street Youth Ministry** and **Micah 6** drop-in centers are **in need of a number of items**: backpacks; men's boxer underwear; various toiletries, including men's and women's deodorant; men's shaving items—razors and shaving cream; mini hand sanitizers; personal-size sun screen. If you can purchase any of these items for donation, **please bring them to the Sunday service** and drop them in the basket by the usher's stand. We'll make sure that they get to the drop-in centers and put to good use.

For **more information on volunteering at Street Youth Ministry**, please see the detailed information provided in our **weekly e-news**, which is sent out on Thursdays.

To **receive our weekly church e-news** (electronic newsletter), or to **submit an announcement**, please e-mail Lynne Lemley at: ucausti@swbell.net

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

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

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Whit and Betty Bodman
Fellowship Host Deacons

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The **Adult Christian Education Group** meets Sundays at 10:00 am on the 2nd 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 2nd 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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The Seventh Sunday of Easter



GATHERING

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. Exodus 20: 11

Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day. Deuteronomy 5: 15

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

SHARING OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio *Ashokan Farewell*

Ungar

*GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

We gather on the Sabbath, a day set apart for rest—
rest for us, rest for creation, rest for the Creator.

*We open our hands to drop the tools of our trade,
and open our hearts to know the Holy One's presence.*

We give thanks for the gift of life,
and for all in creation that sustains our lives.

We remember the liberating, healing and reconciling
acts of God, and we lift up those yet to be liberated, healed and reconciled.

*We pray that our labors may dignify God's creation, that we may work
for the dignity of all who labor, and that by Sabbath's holy rest,
we may envision the peace that God intends for all creation.*

***SINGING A HYMN** *God, Our Author and Creator*

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