UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF AUSTIN

CONNECTION

WORSHIP AT 9 AM AND 11 AM

Welcome! *United Christian Church of Austin is an Open and Affirming congregation, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of every person created in God's image. We welcome into full membership and participation in the Body of Christ persons of every race, ethnic background, age, gender, gender expression/identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, social-economic background, marital status and faith background. We welcome all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in Christ's Church.*

September 22, 2019 **9 AM**

Gathering Music Ann Vanderschaaf

Gathering Meditative Practice

As we ponder the power of connection and community this month, you'll find notecards and postcards on a table in the back of the sanctuary to write a note to a legislator, a church leader you admire, a homebond members of our church family or someone for whom you are just feeling particularly thankful. Place all completed cards in the box so they can be mailed.

– GATHERING –

Welcome and Announcements

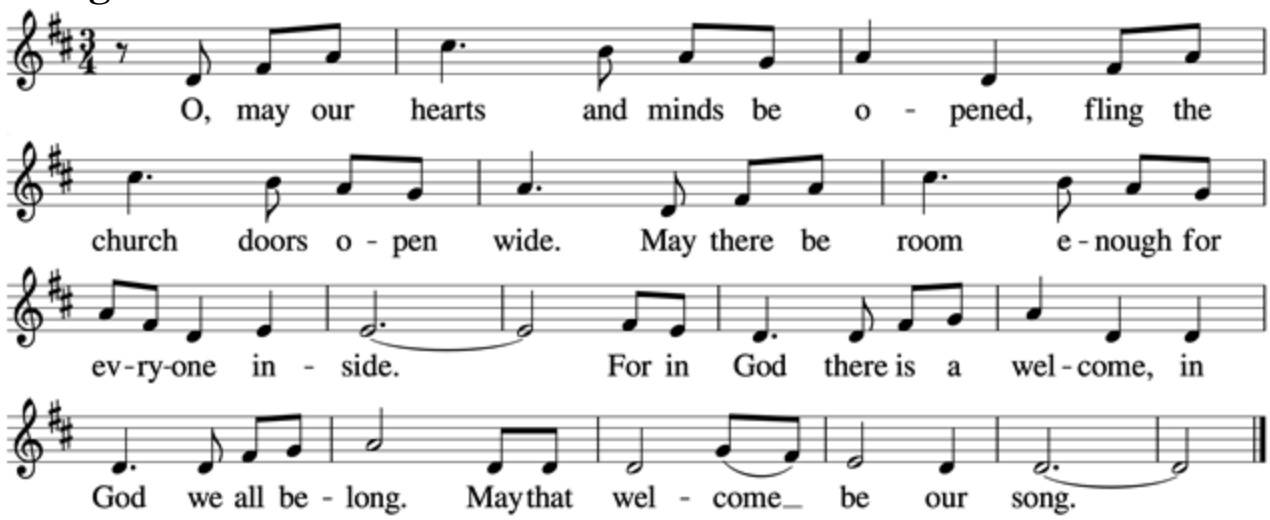
***Passing of the Peace** Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Gathering Song "For All the Children" by David Lohman

The children may gather at the front for the Children's message as the cantor sings:

Cantor: Lord we gather as your people to raise your song above, and we dare to claim the promise of your love. Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be when your children will be free.

All sing twice:



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Children's Message

Emily Jamison Guerrero

After the Children's Message, childcare will be offered in Room 3 (red) for preschool and Room 4 (yellow) for nursery, and Worship and Wonder will be offered for elementary-aged children in Room 1 (green). Children are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their family. For the Children's Blessing , we will sing verse one two times and verse two once.

Children's Blessing

"Love is Little" Shaker Trad. (Adapted)

Love is little; love is low;
love will make my spirit grow.
Grow in peace; grow in light;
love will do the thing that's right.

Bless these littles on their way.
May we learn from them every day.
Show them peace; show them light;
show them love will do what's right.

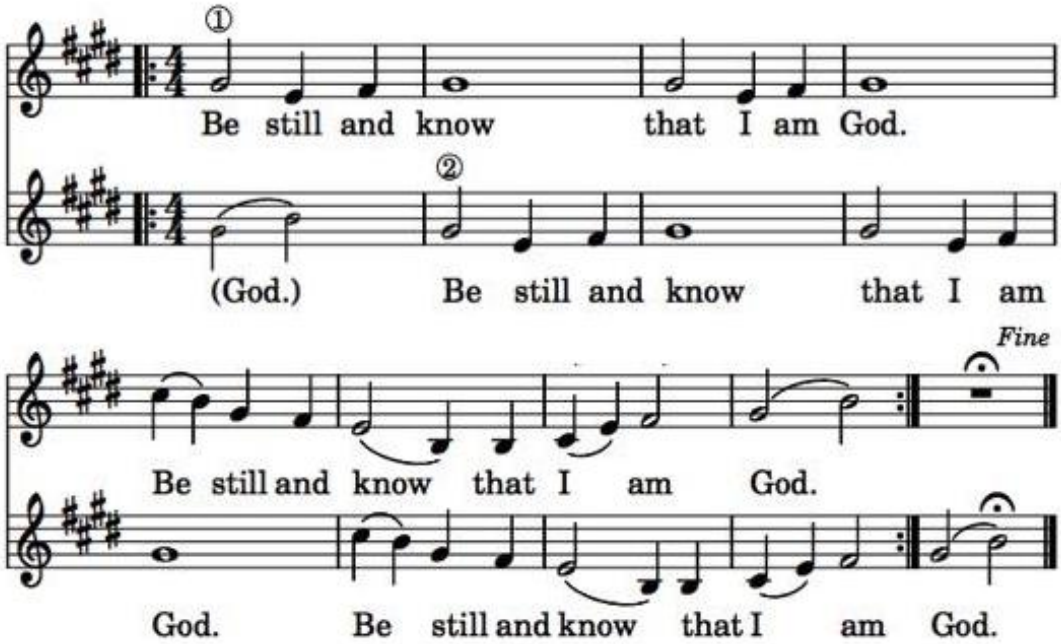
– CENTERING –

Centering Words

"We asked God to help us show the same tolerance, pity, and patience that we would cheerfully grant a sick friend. When a person offended we said to ourselves, 'This is a sick man/woman. How can I help him/'her? God save me from being angry. Thy will be done." Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 67

Centering Song

"Be Still and Know: A Round" by John Bell



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Shared Silence
We pause to reflect on what we have heard and prepare to hear God's holy word.

– MEDITATING –

Seeking the Word in Scripture 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (pg. 1080 Pew Bible)

Meditation "We Pray for… Who?" Rev. Dr. Laura Barnes

Shared Silence
We pause to meditate on this good news and take action in our own hearts and minds.

—PRAYING —

Song for Prayer "O, Lord Hear My Prayer" *Taize*

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me. [Repeat]

Prayers of the People

One: … O God,
All: hear our prayer.

Including: Harper, Jewell Ellis-Eyler, Julie Stiles, Andrea Penna, David Hammond, Lisa Deane, Robert P., Joy Crum, Vicki McCudden, the Family of Earl Stahl, the Family of Flor Molinar, and the Family of Peggy Bearden Scarlett. *Please send updates to Pastor Carl Schwartz-King, carl@uccaustin.org.*

Shared Silence
We pause to uplift these names and all our prayers to God.

The Lord's Prayer*, using these or whichever words are closest to your heart:*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

— RESPONDING —

Song of Thanksgiving "The Welcome Table" by Mark Miller

The deacon comes to the table as the cantor sings the first verse and all sing the second verse:

One*:* *Come, oh come, come to the table.*
Gather 'round, come without fear.
Known by name, here at this table, this table;
Welcome here, to the table of love.

All: ***Circle round, let's join together.***
Share your joys, and bring your tears.
Strength and hope found at this table, this table;
Welcome here, to the table of love.

All are welcome at Christ's table – members, guests, first-timers, long-timers, baptized or not – all who desire to know and share the love of God are invited. When and if you are so moved, you may visit any or all of the following prayer stations during our time of communion:

1. **Holy Communion:** At the table, you may take communion by intinction, taking a bit of bread and dipping it in the cup. *Note: All bread is gluten-free, and both red wine and white grape juice are offered.*
2. **Candle-lighting:** At the table, you may light a candle in prayer.
3. **Offering:** By the door nearest the ramp, you may place your tithes and offerings for the work of the Church in the plate.
4. **Prayer:** At the back of the sanctuary, an elder or a minister will be holding the space in prayer. You may approach them at any time to request a blessing, a prayer, or just a hug (requests will be kept in confidence unless otherwise requested). You may otherwise return to your seat to pray silently.
5. **Prayer String:** Take a piece of yarn and have someone tie it around your wrist, lift up a prayer and then every time you see your prayer string this week, offer up that prayer again.

We Give God Thanks & Praise Lisa Deane, *deacon*

Musical Offering

— BLESSING —

Benediction

Sending Music

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolyte: 9am Mikaela Fuller, 11am Rachael Simoneau; **After Church Clean-Up:** None; **Call to Offering:** David Renault; **Deacons:** 9am Lisa Deane, Miguel Flores; 11am Jenny Veninga, Lydia Verosky, Melissa Selden, Stephanie Mack; **Elder:** 9am None, 11am None; **Greeters:** 9am Jan Kelling, 11am None; **Liturgist:** Jenny Veninga; **Sound Room**: 9am None, 11am Johnny Mack; **Tellers:** Jan Keeling

TEXT YOUR OFFERING! Message **512.842.6662** with a **$** followed by the amount you'd like to give (example: $25.) You should get a text message back with a link to register. Once registered, you'll receive an email receipt. In the future, just text to the same number with your offering amount preceded by a dollar sign, and it will process automatically!

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS *for* 9/22/19

September/October Children's Offering items for Bethany Food Thanksgiving (200 cans of corn, 200 cans of green beans, and 200 cans of yams) plus other general food donations.

Intimacy with God…join Rev Laura for the last of a three week journey of exploration of biblical resources, practical experience, and discussion of our prayer lives. During Adult Faith Formation, 10AM, Sept 22nd in room 10. Want to deepen your prayer life? Come learn how others are doing so...bring your prayer string!

Donation for Bahamas Our brothers and sisters in the Bahamas were hit very hard by Hurricane Dorian and to offer our support, we will be taking up a special offering for the UCC and DOC Disaster ministries. Indicate on your donation (check or online) that it is for Disaster Relief in the Bahamas. To text a gift to this fund you message the same mobile number, then type $ followed by the amount, [space], then the word Bahamas into the text field. ($10 Bahamas). For updates, go to https://www.ucc.org/disaster_ministries_supports_ecumenical_assessment_team_to_the_bahamas

Deacon Training will be held today at 12:15 in the sanctuary. Contact: Ray Mata, Deacon chair for more information. We are so grateful for our deacons!

Flo Party planned for Saturday, Sept 29 at 10 am. Feminine hygiene products and packers needed. Contact: Leslie Guerrero Collins, Social Justice Chair

Property Workday Day Saturday, Oct 5 from 8 am - 12 pm. All are welcome!

Pumpkin Delivery Saturday, Oct 12 starting at 8 am. Patch opens as soon as we can unload and get set up. Sales will run until Oct 31. Contact Stacy Hackenberg, Pumpkin Patch coordinator, to sign up to work the patch!

Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Oct 13. Social Justice is hosting a blood drive and as a thank you pancakes will be served! You can help save a life!

Blessings of the Animals in honor of St Francis of Assisi will be held at the Pumpkin Patch Sunday, Oct 13 6pm - 7pm. Bring your fur babies to be blessed. Photo ops in the patch and special certificates with your pet's name on them - all are welcome!

OPEN CARE CALENDAR

Go to www.carecalendar.org

Edith Gunnerson	Calendar ID: 272680	Security Code: 2738
John & Carol Kolsti	Calendar ID: 284430	Security Code: 4191

LEADERSHIP/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Personnel 1st Sun @ 8am (except Oct; 10/13)	personnel@uccaustin.org
Christian Ed 1st Sun @ 1 pm (except Oct; pending)	christianed@uccaustin.org
Staff Tue @ 9:45am	uccadmin@uccaustin.org
Council 3rd Tue @ 7pm	councilchair@uccaustin.org
Finance 2nd Wed @ 6:15pm	finance@uccaustin.org
Worship 2nd Wed @ 6:15pm	worship@uccaustin.org
Elders 2nd Weds@ 6:45pm	elders@uccaustin.org

ONGOING SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Faith Formation @ 10am	Tracy Brown, christianed@uccaustin.org
Youth Group (see church calendar)	Meghan Trout, youth@uccaustin.org
Youth(ful) Parents when youth meet	Andrea Larson, andrea.larson@gmail.com
Tues Breakfast @ 8am (Jim's Rest.)	Ken Dalley, kennethdalley@sbcglobal.net
Evening Book Group 4th Weds @ 6:30pm	Cherie Hinch, bfocat@yahoo.com
Chancel Choir Wed @ 7:15pm & Sun @ 10:15am	Rev. Humble, music@uccaustin.org
Morning Book Group 2nd Fri @ 9:30am	Tammy Isenberg, disenberg9@hotmail.com
Lunch Bunch 2nd Fri @ 11:15am (varies)	Ken Dalley, kennethdalley@sbcglobal.net
Adult Game Night last Fri @ 6:30pm	Evelyn Case, wcase@austin.rr.com
Saturday FED @ 6pm (Stahl's house)	Rev. Nikki Stahl, nikki@uccaustin.org

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