

THE TIME IS ALWAYS RIGHT TO
DO WHAT IS
RIGHT

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

WHAT NEW THINGS CAN WE LEARN TOGETHER?
HOW IS OUR NEW VISION BEING CREATED?



UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF AUSTIN

EPIPHANY

CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP AT 9 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.*

January 19, 2020

9 AM

Gathering Music

Julie Stiles

Gathering Meditative Practice

On Epiphany Sunday, many were gifted with a star word. If you have not received your star word, feel free to take one from the basket at the back of the sanctuary. We are invited to live with our word; reflect upon it; journal about it; talk about it with others; share our thoughts and discover how this star word may shine its light throughout this coming year. As we continue to ponder Epiphany, you are invited to contemplate on your star word with the following question: Where can you find your word in Scripture? Which Scripture is your favorite and which one makes you cringe?

— GATHERING —

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Laura Barnes

***Passing of the Peace**

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Gathering Song

“Arise, Shine”

Taize

The children may gather at the front for the Children's message as we sing:

Cantor: [top line] *Arise! Shine! For your light has come!*

And the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you!

[bottom line] *Arise! Shine! For your light has come!*

And the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you!

All sing 3 times:

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the
A - rise, shine for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A

Children's Message

Johna Edwards

After the Children's Blessing, 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.

Children's Blessing "Go My Children With My Blessing"

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*Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing - You are my own.*

— CENTERING —

Centering Words

“It is the strangely irrational notion that there is something in the very flow of time that will inevitably cure all ills. Actually time is neutral. It can be used either destructively or constructively. I am coming to feel that the people of ill will have used time much more effectively than the people of good will. We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. We must come to see that human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and persistent work of men willing to be co-workers with God, and without this hard work time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right.” ~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Note: Dr. King wrote this famous essay (written in the form of an open letter) on 16 April 1963 while in jail. He was serving a sentence for participating in civil rights demonstrations in Birmingham, Alabama. He rarely took time to defend himself against his opponents. But eight prominent “liberal” Alabama clergymen, all white, published an open letter earlier in January that called on King to allow the battle for integration to continue in the local and federal courts, and warned that King’s non-violent resistance would have the effect of inciting civil disturbances. Dr. King wanted Christian ministers to see that the meaning of Christian discipleship was at the heart of the African American struggle for freedom, justice, and equality. (notes from *A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr.* ed. by James M. Washington, Harper SanFrancisco, CA. 1986. p. 289.)*

Centering Song

“The Lord is My Light”

Taiže

Theme A

The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in

God I trust, in God I trust. The

Theme B

The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in

God I trust, in God I trust. The

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

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (pg.1053, Pew Bible)

Meditation

“For the Love of Christ”

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

“Ferry Our Prayers”

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The cantor will model the song once and then you are invited to repeat it:

***Ferry our prayers across the water,
kindle our hopes a lighthouse flame.
Amazing grace is most amazing,
praying for those we cannot name. [Repeat]***

Prayers of the People

Rev. Nikki Stahl

One: ... O God,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Including: Josh, Jewell Eyler, Wayne Clowers, Gary Jones, Stellan James Hunt, Alan Dalley, Ruberta Weaver, Ron Trout, and the Pastoral Search Committee. *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 —

*Table Song

“Come to the Table”

Please rise to sing the Table Song as the deacon and minister come to the table as we sing:

***Come to the table of grace,
Come to the table of grace,
This is God’s table,
It’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.***

Invitation to the Table & the Words of Remembrance Rev. Anna Humble
& Rev. Nikki Stahl

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Charlie Jamison, *deacon*

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 back of the sanctuary, 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. **Season of Epiphany Station:** Share your wisdom with the Pastoral Search Committee by meditating on the questions on page 10 of the bulletin.

Musical Offering

— BLESSING —

Benediction

Sending Music

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolyte: 9am Jude Humble, 11am Parker Gregg; **Call to Offering:** None; **Church Open/Clean-Up:** Fullers/Leslie Guerrero Collins; **Deacons:** 9am Sula Howell, Charlie Jamison; 11am Stacy Hackenberg, Tommye-Jean McGuire, Stephanie Mack, Lydia Verosky; **Greeters:** 9am None, 11am None; **Liturgist:** Lynette Alcorn; **Sound Room:** 9am None, 11am Tim Collins; **Tellers:** James Story; Brian Rictor

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 01/19/20

Have you updated your automatic giving to match your 2020 pledge? You can update your EFT amounts at www.uccaustin.org/support-the-work.html.

January Children's Offering We are collecting socks and gloves for our homeless neighbors and other neighbors in need.

Sr Pastor Search Committee January Discussion Groups Join members of our search committee for small group conversations in January. You may sign up for a group on our website: <https://www.uccaustin.org/pastoral-search-committee.html>

January Adult Faith Formation As we approach 2020 and a new round of elections, many people are facing a broad spectrum of emotions: anxiety, fear, avoidance, exhaustion...the list could go on and on. We invite you to join us during Faith Formation time (Sundays at 10 am) in the month of January to study and discuss the book *I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening) A Guide to Grace-Filled Political Conversations* by Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silvers.

Deacon Training/Meeting A meeting of the deacons is scheduled for Sunday, February 2 at 10 am. Deacons assist the clergy during worship services, and the opportunity to be a deacon is available to all church members. If you are interested in being a deacon or learning more, please attend the meeting on Feb. 2. There will be some updates to the current procedures and a short meeting so all deacons are encouraged to attend.

Italian Dinner Youth Fundraiser Come enjoy an evening of great food, fellowship, and a fun photo booth. Cost: \$20/person for lasagna dinner, \$10/child for childcare that includes spaghetti dinner. RSVP required. See sign up in Fellowship Hall or email Meghan @ youth@uccaustin.org. You'll be supporting the youth mission trip and trip to the National Youth Event. Now that's a great deal!

Pastoral Search Committee Questions

The Pastoral Search Committee invites you to answer any or all of these questions in writing and share them with them. You can email us at srpastorsearchcommittee@uccaustin.org or drop a physical copy off in the box located in the Fellowship Hall. These are some of the conversation starters which will be used during the January Discussion Groups

- What does being a progressive church mean to you? Do we want to be more than a progressive church? What would that mean?
- Our website currently says we are a “new fangled, old fashioned church”. What does that mean to you?
- What does it mean to you that UCC is a congregational church? What are our responsibilities as members of a congregational church?
- What are our current biggest challenges? How do you think they should be addressed?
- What were the strengths and challenges with our former pastors? What have we learned from these experiences and relationships?
- What lessons have we learned from our other pastoral transitions and how do we prepare for a successful transition this time?
- What activities/programs from the past do you miss? Which ones would you bring back? What new ones do we need to add?

OPEN CARE CALENDARS

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 Tues @ 6pm

personnel@uccaustin.org

Christian Ed 1st Wed @ 7pm

christianed@uccaustin.org

Staff Tue @ 9:45am

uccadmin@uccaustin.org

Elders 2nd Tue @ 7:15pm

elders@uccaustin.org

Worship 3rd Tue @ 6:15pm

worship@uccaustin.org

Council 3rd Tue @ 7pm

councilchair@uccaustin.org

Finance 2nd Wed @ 6:15pm

finance@uccaustin.org

ONGOING SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Faith Formation @ 10am

David Heckler, 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.)

Kenneth 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)

Kenneth Dalley, kennethdalley@sbcglobal.net

Adult Game Night 4th 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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