



August 2, 2026

Order of Service

Together, we nourish souls, transform lives, and do justice to build the Beloved Community.

Worship Leader: Rev. Carrie Holley-Hurt

Music Director: Brent Baldwin

Lay Leader: Mary Overton

Caring Companion: Beverly Tolbert

Please feel free to light candles to mark sacred moments at any time before the service or any of the times in the service designated by an asterisk below.

- *Prelude: "Minuet from Sonata Op 49" (Beethoven) - Valeria Diaz, piano
- Welcome: Rev. Carrie Holley-hurt
- Lighting the Chalice (in unison): ***This is the flame we hold in our hearts as we strive for justice for everyone. This is the light we shine upon systems of oppression until they are no more. This is the warmth that we share with one another as our struggle becomes our salvation.***
- Hymn: #1058 (teal hymnal) "Be Ours a Religion"
- Affirming Our Mission (in unison): ***Together we nourish souls, transform lives, and do justice to build the Beloved Community.***
- Stewardship Testimonial: Fred Thompson
- Offertory: "Träumerei" (Schumann)

Sanctuary:

- **Sing Songs of Resistance!**

Join Sarah Bentley as she leads you in songs of embodied resistance.

Howson Hall:

- **Community Care Bags!**

Join Sol to create community care bags for the Austin Street Medics to give to our unhoused neighbors.

- **Art with Aubrey!**

Join Aubrey in making a collaborative piece of art to represent our church.

Conference Room:

- **Mindfulness Practice!**

Join Michael Kersey for a grounding meditation practice.

Room 13:

- **Postcards and Posters for Democracy!**

Join our Democracy Pillar Co-Chair Wendy Erisman for some good old fashion postcard writing and sign-making to get out the vote!

Room 15:

- **Immigration Solidarity for everyone!**

Join Peggy Morton from Inside Amigos and Austin Sanctuary Network to learn about solidarity work with immigrants, from ways to speak to power to showing you care.

If you'd like, return to the sanctuary at 12 p.m. for a chalice extinguishing and Benediction.

- Extinguishing the Chalice (*in unison*): ***We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we hold in our hearts until we are together.***
- Benediction

Living Love...and Building Our Dreams

Did you know?

Over the last three years, our rate for property and general liability insurance has gone up by about \$30,000. Many churches in our area have not been able to get property insurance at all.

To the Parents of Young Children, May We Suggest:

Relax! Nature made children to wiggle, so don't feel the need to suppress the fullness of their humanity in this sacred place.

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little one to see what's going on.

Quietly explain the parts of the service to them, letting them know when it is time to sit in quiet reverence and when they should sing enthusiastically!

If you have to step out with your child, please feel free, but do come back. We love to see all ages in our sanctuary. Please know that we do have a "comfort room" at the back of the sanctuary where you can still hear and see the service and be comfortable with your child. (But that's for your comfort, not ours!)

To the Members of Our Church: The presence of children is a gift to our faith community and a reminder that our church is growing. Please be welcoming and give grace for how they exist in the world. This is how we will continue to grow a loving and beautiful community centered on love.

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to communities of faith, religious exploration, experiences of the Divine, and to one another.