

# FRIENDS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost/Children's Sabbath Sunday

October 20, 2024

9:00am

*An Open & Affirming  
Congregation*

## QUOTE FOR MEDITATION

“When I say ‘it’s you I like,’ I’m talking about that part of you that knows that life is far more than anything you can ever see or hear or touch. That deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive. Love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed.”

—Fred Rogers

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Brooke Dooley

## PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Dinah Anderson

One: It’s a beautiful day in this neighborhood—

**All: A beautiful day to be gathered with friends.**

One: In God’s neighborhood, all are welcomed with joy—

**All: And God’s love binds us together as one.**

One: So since we’re together, we might as well say,

**All: Would you be mine, could you be mine, won’t you be my neighbor?**

## \*OPENING HYMN - No. 252 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*Bradbury*

## \*INVOCATION

Dinah Anderson

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Mason Mendez-Ramirez

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Trent Williams

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Brooke Dooley

*Children in the sanctuary are invited to come to the front. All are invited to sing a verse of NCH #524 "This Little Light of Mine" to begin the children's message.*

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37, NRSV

Trent Williams

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **God is still speaking. Thanks be to God!**

## THE MESSAGE

Trent Williams

## **SILENT PRAYER & MEDITATION**

*One chime calls us into silence, and two chimes call us out of silence.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES FOR INTERCESSIONS**

Brooke Dooley

## **INVITATION TO SHARE**

Dinah Anderson

## **OFFERTORY**

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Venmo to 979-307-8860 or @friendsucc

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts,  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts,  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Trent Williams

## **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Brooke Dooley, Trent Williams

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Brooke Dooley

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

\***CLOSING HYMN** - No. 327 Jesus Loves Me

*Jesus Loves Me*

\***BENEDICTION**

Trent Williams

## **POSTLUDE**

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*Instrumental Music:*

Prelude: When Morning Gilds the Skies - Joseph Barnby, arranged by Carol Tornquist

Offertory: All Things Bright and Beautiful - 17th Century English Melody,  
arranged by Randall Hartsell

Communion: Jesus Loves Me - William B. Bradbury, arranged by Joel Raney

Postlude: O God, Our Help in Ages Past - William Croft, arranged by Lloyd Larson

Scriptures for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, October 27, 2024: Psalm 34: 1-8; Job 42:1-6, 10-17

## **GETTING CONNECTED AT FRIENDS**

**GET CONNECTED!** On Fridays we email out a newsletter called “This Week at Friends” that shares important information and all of the activities and events going on at Friends. Subscribe by contacting [office@friends-ucc.org](mailto:office@friends-ucc.org).

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**YOUTH GROUP DISCUSSION & LUNCH, OCT 20:** Grades 6-12 will NOT be meeting for Sunday school at 10am this Sunday, 10/20. We will instead be meeting in the double classroom following the 11am service for a discussion over that morning's scripture with lunch provided. We will also take some time to prepare for the upcoming CROP Hunger Walk on 11/3. For more information, contact Pastor Brooke: [pastorbrooke@friends-ucc.org](mailto:pastorbrooke@friends-ucc.org).

**YOUTH/CHILDREN PUMPKIN PARTY, OCT 27:** Children & youth- join us in the sanctuary on October 27th from 5-7pm for a pumpkin painting & carving party! BYOP (bring your own pumpkin) & painting/carving supplies will be provided

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FRIENDS GREETERS NEEDED:** Join our Friends Church greeter team! We are in need of additional folks to help welcome people on Sunday mornings and make our worship services flow smoothly. If you are interested in learning more, reach out to Worship Committee chair Charity Stokes at [worship@friends-ucc.org](mailto:worship@friends-ucc.org). You can also sign up online here: [bit.ly/FriendsGreeter](https://bit.ly/FriendsGreeter).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED:** We have all the Sunday school classes covered but are still looking for volunteers who could be called when teachers are out of town to be substitutes. Please let Pastor Dan or Abby Burley, [Christian\\_ed@friends-ucc.org](mailto:Christian_ed@friends-ucc.org), know if we can add you to our list.

**ALL SAINTS DAY, NOV 3:** Let us honor the Saints who have gone on before us. Friends Church celebrates All Saints Day by recognizing our deceased loved one. Please fill out the form in your worship guide and leave it in the offering plate or email your submissions to [office@friends-ucc.org](mailto:office@friends-ucc.org) to be sure that your Saint is included on All Saints Sunday (Nov. 3). You can also fill out this form at <https://bit.ly/FriendsSaints>. The names of those who have passed in the last year will be read aloud during the 9am and 11am service, and all names will be listed in the worship guides.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND SHARE

**SUPPORT OUR PODCAST:** Help us spread the good word! Share this week's sermon with those you love with our "Friends Congregational Church Sermons" podcast, available wherever you can find podcasts! Easily access and publicize our mission to follow the model of Jesus: to live faithfully, love limitlessly, and serve boldly. With over 100 episodes published (since Advent of last year) we've expanded (since Eastertide this year) our efforts to include the wider library of sermons offered before this podcast kicked off. We would love to have your support by either showing this podcast to friends and loved ones, and/or contributing your voice to introduce an episode. Volunteers can reach out to [av@friends-ucc.org](mailto:av@friends-ucc.org) (Jeremy) if interested, or you might get approached after service. Recording takes less than 10 minutes and is almost entirely scripted.

**Be a Greeter and Communion Steward:** To help in the 9am and 11am services, please contact Worship Committee Chair Charity Stokes: [worship@friends-ucc.org](mailto:worship@friends-ucc.org).

**Youth Group Looking for Extra Help:** We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Youth Group events for the new school year. Contact Pastor Brooke at [pastorbrooke@friend-ucc.org](mailto:pastorbrooke@friend-ucc.org).

**Sunday School Teachers Needed:** Are you feeling called to teach our children or youth? Contact Pastor Dan for more information: [pastor@friends-ucc.org](mailto:pastor@friends-ucc.org).

**Coffee Crew/Kitchen Angel:** "All I need is coffee; all we need are volunteers to make it!"

Sign up via sheet on kitchen counter, at [bit.ly/coffeeatfriends](http://bit.ly/coffeeatfriends) or email Jan at [Fellowship@friends-ucc.org](mailto:Fellowship@friends-ucc.org)

**Be a Curbside Steward:** Recycling occurs once every two weeks early on Fridays and trash pick-up is weekly, early on Mondays. Bins need to be placed at the curb the afternoon or evening before the scheduled pick up day and returned to the side of the church after pick-up. Contact [Property@Friends-ucc.org](mailto:Property@Friends-ucc.org)

**Serve the Community:** Help out at the Brazos Church Food Pantry, the Friday food distribution at Peace Lutheran, or Brazos Interfaith Immigration Network (BIIN) as an English or citizenship class tutor. And more! Visit the Friends Church website ([Friends-ucc.org](http://Friends-ucc.org)) ▶ Get **Involved** ▶ **Volunteer** or email [office@friends-ucc.org](mailto:office@friends-ucc.org) for more information or to volunteer.

## SAVE THE DATE

**LINDA COATS BOOK CLUB, OCT 31:** For October, join the book club for the last meeting of the year. We will be reading Anthony Ray Hinton's *The Sun Does Shine*. Join us for discussion at 6:30pm.

**PREPARING WITH PURPOSE: AN ESTATE AND END OF LIFE PLANNING WORKSHOP, NOV 10:** Join us on November 10th following the 11:00 worship service, where we will be joined by Carol Bertsh, a practicing elder law attorney, who will lead us through preparation of wills and other estate planning. Pastor Dan will also offer guidance in funeral planning and communicating final wishes. All are welcome, and lunch will be provided. Sign up here to let us know you're coming: [bit.ly/preparingwithpurpose](https://bit.ly/preparingwithpurpose).

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Pastor Dan's weekday off is Friday. Pastor Trent's weekday off is Monday.