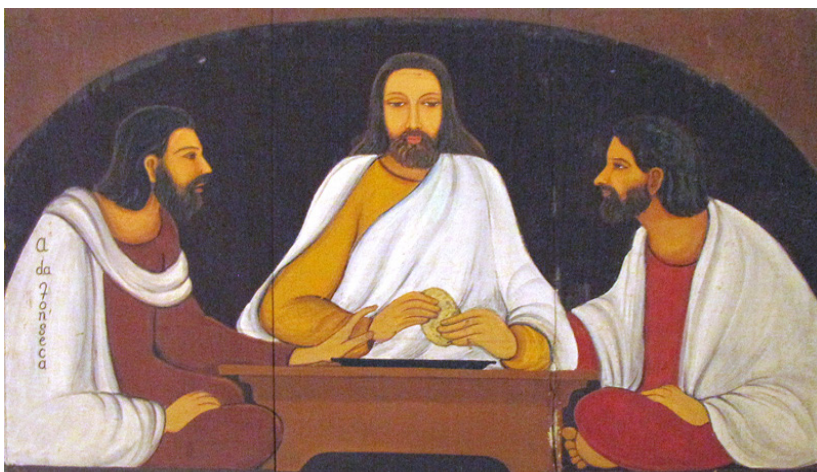




Friends Church

An Open & Affirming Congregation



Breaking Bread

October 6, 2024

II:00am

World Communion Sunday

WELCOME TO FRIENDS CHURCH!

We are honored that you have chosen to spend your Sunday morning with us. Friends Congregational Church is an **Open & Affirming** congregation of the United Church of Christ. We welcome all people into the full life and ministry of our church—people of all ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, and abilities. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

FIRST TIME AT FRIENDS? If you are a guest with us today, please let us know. Welcome cards are located in the chair backs to fill out and leave in the offering plate during today's offertory. If you are joining us online for today's service, you will find an Online Visitor Card at <https://www.friends-ucc.org/your-first-visit>. We are so glad you are here, so please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

CHILDCARE: We invite children to participate fully in our community and worship life. Children of all ages are welcome in worship or you may choose childcare, offered for ages 1-5 in the nursery down the hall through the piano side double doors. We currently have Covid Protocols in place, which you can find posted outside the nursery door.

WiFi: To access church WiFi, please use this login information:
WiFi – The Promised LAN Password: stillspeaking

RESTROOMS are located through the double doors on the piano side of the sanctuary. Gender assigned restrooms are straight down at the end of the hall, and a gender neutral restroom is to the immediate right.

LEADING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Lay Leaders: Diane Simpson & Anne Wehrly
Communion Stewards: Susan Fontaine & Charity Stokes
Greeters: Carolyn Young, Kristen and Jan Hibbetts, & Doris Machinski

Next Sunday, Oct 13:

Lay Leaders: Anne Nichols & Becky Burks
Greeters: Carolyn Young & Margaret Vitek

We give God thanks for our volunteers sharing their gifts. To volunteer for a Sunday as a lay leader, communion steward, or greeter, email worship@friends-ucc.org.

COMMUNION ON REQUEST: While the sacrament of communion is observed in worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at Friends, communion is available any Sunday on request. If you would like to receive communion on a 2nd, 4th, or 5th Sunday, please find one of our pastors to serve you at the conclusion of the worship service.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday

The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with followers of Jesus throughout the world. World Communion Sunday, observed by several Christian denominations, promotes unity and ecumenical collaboration by focusing on an observance of the eucharist.

QUOTE FOR MEDITATION

“Tell the truth. Sing with passion. Work with laughter. Love with heart. ‘Cause, that’s all that matters in the end.”

—Kris Kristofferson

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WORDS OF WELCOME

Trent Williams

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

“God is Here Too”

Anne Wehrly

One: Come! Come into a place where God listens!

All: **Where you need no money, no status, no fine clothes!**

One: Come as you are—

All: **broken, whole, sick, well, satisfied, or with deep needs.**

One: Come to sing, to cry, to hear, to see.

All: **Come and be ready, or come to be made ready.**

One: We are here.

All: **God is here too.**

***OPENING HYMN** - No. 3 Wakantanka Taku Nitawa (Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works)

Lacquiparle (verses 1 & 2 in English)

***INVOCATION**

Anne Wehrly

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lanette Schulte

Children in the sanctuary are invited to come to the front, and children watching online are invited to get closer to their screen. 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.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Brooke Dooley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

"Reform Us"

Brooke Dooley

One: Lord, have mercy,

All: have mercy on us for not loving our undocumented neighbors like we love ourselves.

One: Christ, have mercy,

All: have mercy on your undocumented children.

You said that everything we do for the least of our siblings we do it for you.

One: Lord, have mercy,

All: and by the power of your Holy Spirit

reform us in your merciful image

so that we might reflect you and save one another.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Brooke Dooley

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Brooke Dooley

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you!

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 11:20-22, NIV

Anne Wehrly

So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!

CHORAL ANTHEM - Ave verum corpus - William Byrd

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary; who truly suffered and was sacrificed on the cross for man: from whose pierced side flowed water and blood. Be, for us, a foretaste in the trial of death.

O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:27-29, NRSV

Dan De Leon

After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up, left everything, and followed him. Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them.

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

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

THE MESSAGE

I Know What I Am

Dan De Leon

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

INVITATION TO SHARE

Anne Wehrly

OFFERTORY

Secure online giving via Realm Giving at bit.ly/givetofriendsucc
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

Instructions and Invitation

Dan De Leon

Prayer of Thanks and Praise

Brooke Dooley

Sanctus - No. 793

Text and music. Anon., Argentina

**Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Dios.**

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.**

Remembering Jesus (responsive)

Trent Williams

One: Now, O God, we remember Jesus.

**All: We remember that he ate with Simon the Pharisee,
with Zacchaeus the tax collector,
and in Peter's house after making his mother well.**

One: We remember that he ate in Bethany with Mary and Martha,

**All: We remember that he ate with rich and poor,
righteous people and sinners,
friends, deniers, doubters, and betrayers.**

One: He told us not to take the best seats at banquets,
but to defer to others; to be good guests.

The Story of the Bread and Cup (responsive)

Brooke Dooley

One: And we remember...

**All: that on the night of his betrayal,
he ate again with his disciples in an upper room.**

One: He shared blessed bread with them
and poured out wine, signs of his coming death,
signs of a life determined to love despite the risk.

**All: Whenever we eat, with whomever we eat,
as guests among guests, we remember him.
He is with us always, to the end of the age.**

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Dan De Leon

No. 498 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Chereponi

No. 330 Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread

Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Trent Williams

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trent Williams

***CLOSING HYMN** - No. 402 De colores (Sing of Colors)

De colores (Verse 1 in Spanish, then verses 1-2 in English)

***BENEDICTION**

Dan De Leon

POSTLUDE

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Instrumental Music:

- Prelude: Bread of the World - John S. B. Hodges, arranged by Stanley E. Saxton
Offertory: The Love of the Lord - Michael Joncas, arranged by Jeanne Cotter
Communion: Let Us Break Bread Together - Traditional Spiritual
Postlude: O For a Thousand Tongues - arranged by Melody Bober

About today's liturgy: The Call to Worship and Invocation come from Liturgies from *Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World*, by Cláudio Carvalhaes. The Celebration of Holy Communion, "Everyone a Guest," written by Mary Luti, is from *Do This: Communion for Just and Courageous Living*, edited by Mary Luti.

Scriptures for the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, October 13, 2024: Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

VOTER REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION, OCT 6: Voter Registration and information table in front of church, October 6, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteer Deputy Registrars will be staffing the table to register voters and answer all your questions about upcoming elections and deadlines.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY WITH WOMEN, OCT 9: Wonderful Wednesdays with Women will meet on Wednesday, October 9, at Carney's Pub & Grill at 3410 S. College Ave., Bryan, TX 77801. This is a casual, come-and-go event. All are welcome! Contact Stacy De Leon if you need more information.

GUYZ BREAKFAST, OCT 12: Guyz Breakfast brings together fellowship, fun and great food. Join us at the church on the second Saturday of the month 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Bring your favorite breakfast food or drink to share. Pancakes and coffee are provided.

OUTOBERFEST, OCT 12: Join Friends Congregational Church at the the Pride Community Center for OUToberfest 2024 the first-ever Brazos Valley Pride Festival, located right in downtown Bryan! Friends will have a sponsored booth present for the entire festival. Artisan market, food and drink vendors, local non-profit and community resources, big stage performances, and more! Performer line-up and other details TBA. Volunteers needed and very much appreciated! Reach out to Megan for more information at evangelism@friends-ucc.org.

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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. You can also sign up online here: 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, know if we can add you to our list.

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 (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.

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.

Sunday School Teachers Needed: Are you feeling called to teach our children or youth? Contact Pastor Dan for more information: 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 or email Jan at 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

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) ▶ Get **Involved** ▶ **Volunteer** or email office@friends-ucc.org for more information or to volunteer.

SAVE THE DATE

FABULOUS AT ANY AGE - MISSION WACO SOCIAL ENTERPRISE TOUR, OCT 17: Fabulous at Any Age will be touring Mission Waco on Thursday, October 17. We will leave from the church at 8:00 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m. Sign up with QR code below.



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

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.

Friends Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Vision:

Rooted in the way of Christ, we strive to be a community of God's radical inclusion and extravagant welcome.

Mission:

United by the example of Jesus, we live faithfully, love limitlessly, and serve boldly.

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