

Season of Wholeness

27th October 2024

Led by Carol Joyner & Kate Owens



Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship:

One: The Holy One is here amongst us;

ALL: Ground of our being

Guide of our hope

Goal of our living

One: Holy One we worship you

ALL: and raise our voices in praise....

Getting Grounded
by
Jan Richardson

Hymn: **Womb of life CH4 118** (Tune CH4 252 Beech Springs)

Womb of life, and source of being,
home of ev'ry restless heart,

in your arms the worlds awakened;
you have loves us from the start.

We, your children, gather 'round you,
at the table you prepare.

Sharing stories tears and laughter,
we are nurtured by your care.

Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us,
knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles,
Life of Life, and Death of Death,
risen Christ, come stand among us,
send the Spirit by your breath.

Brooding Spirit, move among us;
be our partner, be our friend.
When our mem'ry fails, remind us whose we are,
what we intend. Labor with us,
aid the birthing of the new world made new,
ever singing, ever praising, one with all,
and one with you.

Mother, Brother, holy Partner;

Father, Spirit, Only Son:
we would praise your name forever,
one-in-three, and three-in-one.
We would share your life, your passion,
share your word of world made new,
ever singing, ever praising,
one with all, and one with you.

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Prayer

Introduce Focusing Movement:

ALL: Source, *(hands at stomach)*

Guide *(hands at heart)*

and Goal *(hands at head)*

Holy God three in One, we worship you. *(hands open)*

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus' Prayer or Lord's Prayer using the form or words which are most worshipful for us...

Source of Life,

Father and Mother of us all:

Creation honours you!

May your Realm of Justice & Joy

Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.

Amen

Time for all ages

Song: Hallelujah CH4 767

Hallelujah X4

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Readings read by Mike Holroyd

Hebrews 7:23-28

23 Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; 24 but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. 25 Therefore he is able to save completely[a] those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

26 Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. 27 Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

Mark 10: 46-52: Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

49 Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” 50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

51 “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

52 “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Reflection by Kate Owens

Meditation by Mike Holroyd

Prayers of the People by Gill Laurence

Offering & Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessing flow
Praise God all creature here below
Praise God above, You heavenly host
Praise Maker Christ and Holy Ghost

*Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.
Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711*

Notices

Hymn: We cannot measure how you heal CH4 718

We cannot measure how You heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need Your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make Your broken people whole.

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Blessing & Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Don't forget the clocks 'fall back' in the early hours of Sun 27th Oct!				
Sunday Worship	Sun 27 th Oct	11am	AUC and Online	Carol is leading and Kate is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 27 th Oct	12 noon	Online	
Our Tribe Coffee Social	Sun 27 th Oct	1.30pm	Coffee Saints, 2A Little King Street, EH1 3AR	All welcome!
'Expanding the Tent': Exploring the Synod Aspirations	Weds 30 th Oct	7.30pm	Online	This week's session is 'action' for the October theme, 'showing that the love of God is radical'. Please contact Gemma Walker for the Zoom link - pa@urcscotland.org.uk
Contextual Bible Study	Weds 30 th Oct	7.30pm	Online	<i>Politics</i> - Esther7 Email minister@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thurs 31 st Oct	12 noon	Online	<i>Politics</i> - Esther7 Email minister@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Sunday Worship	Sun 3 rd Nov	11am	AUC and Online	Andrew is leading and Laurence is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 3 rd Nov	12 noon	Online	
Becoming a Better Listener	Sun 3 rd Nov	12.45-3pm	AUC	Session 2 of 2. An opportunity to consider how we can support each other through listening and how we can become better listeners to each other.

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