

Season of Wholeness

26th October 2025

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

Spirit of our inspiration

One: Holy One we worship you

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

*Getting Grounded
By Jan Richardson*

Hymn: Come and find the quiet centre CH4 716 (Lewis Folk Tune)

Come and find the quiet centre

In the crowded life we lead

Find the room for hope to enter

Find the frame where we are freed

Clear the chaos and the clutter

Clear our eyes that we can see

All the things that really matter

Be at peace and simply be

Silence is a friend who claims us

Cools the heat and slows the pace

God it is who speaks and names us

Knows our being touches base

Making space within our thinking

Lifting shades to show the sun

Raising courage when we're shrinking

Finding scope for faith begun

In the Spirit let us travel

Open to each other's pain

Let our lives and fears unravel

Celebrate the space we gain

There's a place for deepest dreaming

There's a time for heart to care

In the Spirit's lively scheming

There is always room to spare.

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Prayer

Introduce Focusing Movement:
ALL: Source, (hands at stomach)
Guide (hands at heart)
and Inspiration (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 by Carol Joyner

Hymn: O God you have searched me and know me CH4 97

PSALM 139

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made
new.

from Psalm 139
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Reading read by Jim Kerr

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Reflection by Kate Owens

Meditation

Prayers of the People by Alex Peden

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
Sunday Worship	Sun 26 th Oct	11am	AUC & Online	Carol is leading and Kate is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 26 th Oct	12 noon	Online	
Coffee Social: Come OUT with Our Tribe (LGBTQI+)	Sun 26 th Oct	1:30 – 3pm	Coffee Saints Little King St, Edinburgh EH1 3AR (Opposite the side entrance of John Lewis)	Chance to meet, chat and get to know each other over a cuppa. New people always very welcome. Look out for the Rainbow flag on our table
Contextual Bible Study	Wed 29 th Oct	7.30pm	Online	<i>Ecclesiastes 1:1-18</i> Email minister@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thurs 30 th Oct	12 noon	Online	<i>Ecclesiastes 1:1-18</i> Email minister@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Sunday Worship	Sun 2 nd Nov	11am	AUC & Online	Andrew is leading and Fiona is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 2 nd Nov	12 noon	Online	
Neurodivergent Affirming Space (NDAS)	Sun 2 nd Nov	12.30-3pm	AUC (Studio)	A space to meet other neurodivergent people, to be heard and feel supported.
Carbon Literacy Course	Sun 2 nd Nov	12.45-3.15pm	Sanctuary	The course is for people who want to understand the climate emergency and to learn what they can do to tackle it.

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