

Season of Wholeness

12th October 2025

Led by Fiona Bennett

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: O Lord our Lord CH4 5

O Lord, our Lord, throughout the earth
how glorious is your name,
and glorious too where unseen heavens
your majesty proclaims.

On infant lips, in children's song
a strong defense you raise
to counter enemy and threat,
and foil the rebel's ways.

When I look up and see the stars
which your own fingers made,
and wonder at the moon and stars,
each perfectly displayed;
then I must ask, 'Why do you care?
Why love humanity?
And why keep every mortal name
fixed in your memory?'

Yet such as us you made and meant
just less than gods to be;
with honour and with glory, Lord,
you crowned humanity.
And then dominion you bestowed
for all made by your hand,
all sheep and cattle, birds and fish
that move through sea or land.

Coda: O Lord, our Lord, throughout the earth, how glorious is your name!

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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

Theme: *Plant Gardens and grow in them*

Song: Singing we gladly worship the Lord together CH4 257

Singing, we gladly worship the Lord together.

Singing, we gladly worship the Lord.

Those who are travelling the road of life

sow seeds of peace and love.

(repeat)

Come, bringing hope into a world of fear,

a world which is burdened down with dread,

a world which is yearning for a greater love

but needs to be shown the true way.

Singing, we gladly worship the Lord together.

Singing, we gladly worship the Lord.

Those who are travelling the road of life

sow seeds of peace and love.

(repeat)

Whenever hatefulness and violence

are banished for ever from our hearts,

then will the world believe the day is near
 when sadness and pain shall find their rest.
 Singing, we gladly worship the Lord together.
 Singing, we gladly worship the Lord.
 Those who are travelling the road of life
 sow seeds of peace and love.
 (repeat)

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Story: Mounzer - the Barber of Bute

Reading: Jeremiah 29:1-7

29These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

4Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. 7But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Activities:

- **Making** a communal Tree.
- Table **Discussion** - considering how the passage from Jeremiah might speak to us today as individuals, as a church and as a nation.
- Individual **Meditation** - to reflect on what the passage from Jeremiah might speak to us today as individuals, as a church and as a nation.

Song: Behold, behold

Behold, behold
 I make all things new beginning with you
 And starting from today.
 Behold, behold
 I make all things new
 My promise is true
 For I am Christ the Way.

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Prayer Trees

Justice For...

One: God of Justice,

You know, value and love each life and life form on our planet.

In Jesus you show us the Justice in your heart.

We pray for your Justice to permeate and steer our minds, habits, cultures and systems so that our lives and world may become more whole.

ALL: God of Justice, hear our prayer.

Peace for...

One: God of Peace, In Jesus you show us the Way of Peace and Transformation.

We pray for Your Peace to permeate and steer our minds, habits, culture and systems so that our lives and world may become more whole.

ALL: God of Peace, hear our prayer.

Love for...

One: God of Love,

In Jesus you have shown us the infinite strength and joy of your Love.

We pray for Your Love to permeate and steer our minds, habits, culture and systems so that our lives and world may become more whole.

ALL: God of Love, hear our prayer.

Hope for...

One: God of Hope,

In Jesus you show us the creative and inextinguishable strength of your Hope.

We pray for Your Hope to permeate and steer our minds, habits, culture and systems so that our lives and world may become more whole.

ALL: God of Hope, hear our prayer.

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: Let us build a house CH4 198

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that free us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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Blessing & Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 12 th Oct	11am	AUC & Online	Fiona is leading and preaching and the church will be laid out in café style
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 12 th Oct	12 noon	Online	
Soup and bread lunch	Sun 12 th Oct	12 noon	AUC	To enable folk to stay on for church meeting
Church Meeting	Sun 12 th Oct	12:30-2pm	AUC	Everyone is welcome to attend Church Meeting. If you are not a member or associate member, but would like to receive papers for the meetings in advance, please email the Linda (secretary@augustine.org.uk)
Neurodivergent Affirming Space (NDAS)	Sun 12 th Oct	12.30-3pm	AUC (Studio)	A space to meet other neurodivergent people, to be heard and feel supported. We will start with an hour of food and relaxation, then an opportunity to chat with others or do your own thing, a focused discussion and finish with a mindful moment and prayer.
Contextual Bible Study	Wed 15 th Oct	7.30pm	Online	Luke 15:1-32 Email minister@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thurs 16 th Oct	12 noon	Online	Luke 15:1-32 Email minister@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Sunday Worship	Sun 19 th Oct	11am	AUC & Online	Laurence is leading and Mike is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 19 th Oct	12 noon	Online	
Rota volunteers get together	Sun 19 th Oct	1pm	AUC	For all volunteers already doing roles and prospective volunteers who would like to get involved! Please see Lewis for more information and to let him know you're coming, for catering purposes. Lewis.reay@augustine.org.uk

Zoom ID for worship: 84317815003 Password: 1861AUC

Zoom ID for all social events: 3140057633

Zoom Telephone number: 0131 4601196