

Season of Creationtide

20th September 2026

Led by Carol Joyner & Deanna Macartney



Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship:

One: Praise God, all people of Earth!

ALL: BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting

ALL: BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

One: As high as the tree soaring above the forest

ALL: AS BEAUTIFUL AS THE RIVER FLOWING THROUGH MANY LANDS

One: As rich as ecosystems of an abundant earth

ALL: AS CLOSE AS THE SMALLEST CREATURE ON THE GROUND

One: So Good is the God of Creation!

ALL: BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Hymn: O God of blessing CH4 177

O God of blessing, all praise to you!

Your love surrounds us our whole life through.

You are the freedom of those oppressed;

You are the comfort of all distressed.

Come now, O holy and welcome guest:

Soli Deo Gloria X2

All praise for prophets, through grace inspired

To preach and witness with hearts on fire.

Your Spirit chooses the weak and small

To sing the new reign where mighty fall;

With them may we live your Gospel call:

Soli Deo Gloria X2

All praise for music, deep gift profound,

Through hands and voices in holy sound;

The psalms of David, and Mary's praise,

In wordless splendor and lyric phrase,

With all creation one song we raise:

*For what binds us
by
Jan Richardson*

Soli Deo Gloria X2

All praise for Jesus, best gift divine
Through word and witness, in bread and wine;
Incarnate love song of boundless grace,
Priest, teacher, prophet in time and space,
Your steadfast kindness with human face:
Soli Deo Gloria X2

A billion voices in one great song,
Now soft and gentle, now deep and strong,
In every culture and style and key,
From hill and valley, with sky and sea,
With Christ we praise you eternally:
Soli Deo Gloria X2

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Prayer

Introduce Focusing Movement:
ALL: In deepest space (*arms up*)
In the core of the earth (*arms down*)
In my heart (*hands at heart*)
The God of Love is alive

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

Hymn: When in our music CH4 203

When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried,
Hallelujah!

How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Hallelujah!

So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Hallelujah!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Hallelujah! Amen.

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Reading read by Jim Kerr

Exodus 16:2-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that

you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’”¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses and said,¹² “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Matthew 20:1-16

²⁰“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard.² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace;⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same.⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Sermon by Deanna Macartney

Time of Meditation by Phil Thornton

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*

Communion

Hymn: Come to the table of grace

Come to the table of grace
Come to the table of grace
This God's table it's not yours or mine
Come to table of grace.

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One: We unite in prayer with followers of Jesus since the earliest times as we say:

God be with you

ALL: And with your spirit

One: Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them to God

One: Let us give thanks to God

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise

One: Holy Loving God,

For the universe you have crafted in all its variety and mystery

ALL: We praise and thank you

One: For the gift of Christ Jesus; vulnerable healer & guide

ALL: We praise and thank you

One: For your Salvation; love crucified and resurrected.

ALL: We praise and thank you

One: With people everywhere, past present and yet to come

ALL: We praise and thank you.

One: We offer you our thanks as we sing together...

Hymn: God bless to us our bread CH4 763

God bless to us our bread,
And give bread to all those who are hungry
and hunger for justice to all who are fed.
God bless to us our bread.

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Song: This is the body of Christ CH4 799

Broken that we might be whole.
This cup as promised by God,
True to God's Word,
Cradles our Lord
Food the good of us all.

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Closing Response

One: Together we are nourished by Jesus' life.
ALL: We go to share his life and love.

Notices

Hymn: For your generous providing CH4 655

For your generous providing which sustains us all our days,
for your Spirit here residing, we proclaim our heartfelt praise.
Through the depths of joy and sorrow, though the road be smooth or rough,
fearless we can face tomorrow, for your grace will be enough.

Hush our world's seductive voices tempting us to stand alone.
Save us then from siren noises calling us to trust our own.
For those snared by earthly treasure, lured by false security,
Jesus true and only measure, spring the trap to set us free.

Round your table, through your giving, show us how to live and pray
till your kingdom's way of living is the bread we share each day:
bread for us and for our neighbour, bread for body, mind, and soul,
bread of heav'n and human labour – broken bread that makes us whole.

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Blessing & Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 20 th Sep	11am	AUC & Online	Blended worship with Carol leading and Deanna preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 20 th Sep	12 noon	Online	
Post Service Refreshments and Chat	Sun 20 th Sep	12-12.40 pm	AUC	All are welcome to share in refreshments and chat after the service.
Contextual Bible Study	Wed 23 rd Sep	7.30-8.30pm	Online	<i>Philippians 2:1-13</i> Email centre.manager@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thu 24 th Sep	12-1pm	Online	<i>Philippians 2:1-13</i> Email centre.manager@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Doors Open Days	26 th & 27 th Sept	10am-4pm / 2-4pm	AUC	Come along on Sat (10am-4pm) or Sun (2-4pm) to see the heritage exhibition and have a tour of the building – and bring your friends! There's still time to volunteer too – email Thomas on thomas.mcpolin@augustine.org.uk
TLC Service at Greyfriars Kirk	Sun 27 th Sep	10.30-11.30 am	Greyfriars Kirk & Online	There is no service at AUC this morning. We are worshipping with our ecumenical partners at Greyfriars Kirk at the earlier time of 10.30am. All are welcome!
Coffee Social: Come OUT with Our Tribe (LGBTQI+)	Sun 27 th Sep	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 are always very welcome. Look out for the Rainbow flag on our table

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