

Season of Wholeness
Disability Justice Sunday
4th October 2026
Led by Fiona Bennett & Sian Joyner



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: 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 world's awakened;
you have loved 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.
Labour with us, aid the birthing of the new world
yet to be,
free from status and division,
free for love and unity.

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Opening Prayer

Introduce Focusing Movement:

ALL: Source, *(hand/s at stomach)*

Guide *(hand/s at heart)*

and Inspiration *(hand/s at head)*

Holy God three in One, we worship you. *(hand/s 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 - Flag

Hymn: God made me as I am CH4 145

God made me as I am,

part of creation's plan.

No one else can ever be

the part of God's plan that's me.

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Reading John 5:1-3,5-9

After this there was a Jewish festival, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now in Jerusalem next to the Sheep Pool there is a pool called Bethesda in Hebrew, which has five porticos; 3 and under these were crowds of sick people, blind, lame, paralysed. 5 One man there had an illness which had lasted thirty-eight years, 6 and when Jesus saw him lying there and knew he had been in that condition for a long time, he said, 'Do you want to be well again?'

7 'Sir,' replied the sick man, 'I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is disturbed; and while I am still on the way, someone else gets down there before me.'

8 Jesus said, 'Get up, pick up your sleeping-mat and walk around.'

9 The man was cured at once, and he picked up his mat and started to walk around.

Reflections from Dr Sian Joyner

 **Stay with me for the journey is long X4**

Reflection 1: 3 and under these were crowds of sick people, blind, lame, paralysed

 **Stay with me for the journey is long X4**

Reflection 2: 5 One man there had an illness which had lasted thirty-eight years

 **Stay with me for the journey is long X4**

Reflection 3: 'Do you want to be well again?'

 **Stay with me for the journey is long X4**

Reflection 4: 9 The man was cured at once, and he picked up his mat and started to walk around.

Meditation - Precious, precious One (based on Ps 139)

Hymn: The one who longs CH4 719 (tune: Kingsfold CH4 291)

1 The one who longs to make us whole
is waiting to embrace
our broken lives, so we can know
the power of healing grace.
God's love surrounds our suffering,
and keeps us through the night;
God helps us bear our deep despair
till we see morning light.

2 The one who saves us from ourselves
is waiting to release
our hearts from chains of self-reproach
and failure to find peace.
When harmful habits leave us bruised,
distraught by inner pain,
God comes to us through trusted friends,

and helps us hope again.

3 The one who understands our need
accepts us as we are;
and, like a loved one, welcomes us
when we have wandered far.
God never says we come too late
to be forgiven, free,
but promises we can become
the self we're meant to be.

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Offering & Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures 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 is God's table, it's not yours or mine
Come to the 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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Prayers of the People at the table lead by Mike Holroyd

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: 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 frees 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 4 th Oct	11am	AUC & Online	Fiona is leading and Sian is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 4 th Oct	12 noon	Online	
Post Service Refreshments and Chat	Sun 4 th Oct	12-12.40pm	AUC	All are welcome to share in refreshments and chat after the service.
AUC Remembering Space	Sun 4 th Oct	1.30pm	AUC	Remembering Space is a sacred time to gather, remember, and share stories of those we grieve and continue to hold in love. Option to join others for lunch from 1pm.
Contextual Bible Study	Wed 7 th Oct	7.30-8.30pm	Online	Matthew 18:21-35 Email centre.manager@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thu 8 th Oct	12-1pm	Online	Matthew 18:21-35 Email centre.manager@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
AUC Autumn Afternoon Tea	Sat 10 th Oct	2-3.30pm	AUC	With delicious food, conversation and a seasoning of entertainment. To help with catering, please let us know if you can join us by emailing moira.holmes@augustine.org.uk or phoning Rachel on 0131 220 1677
Sunday Worship	Sun 11 th Oct	11am	AUC & Online	Interactive Sunday Worship Service with Fiona leading and preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 11 th Oct	12 noon	Online	
Post Service Refreshments and Chat	Sun 11 th Oct	12-12.40pm	AUC	All are welcome to share in refreshments and chat after the service.
Soup lunch	Sun 11 th Oct	12-12.30pm	AUC	

AUC Church Meeting	Sun 11 th Oct	12.30- 2pm	AUC	Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are not a church member or associate member, but would like to receive papers for the meetings in advance, please email the Church Secretary Moira secretary@augustine.org.uk
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