

Season of Wholeness

18th October 2026

Led by Fiona Bennett



Getting Grounded
by
Jan Richardson

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....

Hymn: **God the Source CH4 113** (tune: CWM Rhondda)

God the source of all creation
Soil of life and energy,
Your creative love so shapes us
That we share your liberty.
Teach us how to use this freedom
*loving children all to be.

Jesus Christ our Lord and brother
In your cross you show the way,
To be servant for each other
Caring, loving every day.
Teach us patience and obedience
*Never from your path to stray.

Holy Spirit, love that binds us
to the Source and Holy Son,
giver of the joy that fills us,
yours the peace that makes us one,
Teach our hearts to be more open
*as we pray 'Your will be done'

Members of our Saviour's body
Here on earth his life to be
Though we stand as different people
May we share the unity

Of the Source, the Christ and Spirit

*Perfect love in Trinity.

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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

Hymn: Moved by the Gospel CH4 247 (tune: Ellacombe)

Moved by the Gospel, let us move

With every gift and art.

The image of creative love

Indwells each human heart.

The Maker calls creation good,

So let us now express

With sound and colour, stone and wood,

The shape of holiness.

Let weavers for from broken strands

A tapestry of prayer.

Let artists paint with skilful hands

Their joy, lament and care.
Then mine the story: Christ has come.
With reverence dance the Word.
With flute and organ, gong and drum
God's praise be ever heard.

O Spirit, breathe among us here;
Inspire the work we do.
May hands and voices, eye and ear
Attest to life made new.
In worship and in daily strife
Create amongst us still.
Great Artist, form our common life
According to your will.

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Readings read by Katrina Tweedie

Psalms 96

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
- 6 Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Matthew 22:15-22

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax."

And they brought him a denarius. 20Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" 21They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." 22When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Reflection by Fiona Bennett - Worship as Witness

Prayer of Dedication for the Organ

Meditation by Stephen Ziffo

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 (tune: Holy Manna)

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 18 th Oct	11a m	AUC & Online	Blended Sunday Worship Service with Fiona leading and Mike preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 18 th Oct	12 noon	Online	
Post Service Refreshments and Chat	Sun 18 th Oct	12-12.40 pm	AUC	All are welcome to share in refreshments and chat after the service.
Belonging: Exploring Membership	Sun 18 th Oct	12:45 - 15:00	AUC and Online	What is Church Membership about? This session is for people interested in exploring what it means to... Be the world-wide body of Christ, Be the URC and Be AUC, this session is an opportunity for information, discussion and reflection. To register and for more information please contact Fiona (minister@augustine.org.uk)
Contextual Bible Study	Wed 21 st Oct	7.30-8.30p m	Online	<i>Philippians 4:1-9</i> Email centre.manager@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thu 22 nd Oct	12-1pm	Online	<i>Philippians 4:1-9</i> Email centre.manager@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Sunday Worship	Sun 25 th Oct	11a m	AUC & Online	Blended Sunday Worship Service with Sian leading and Kate preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 25 th Oct	12 noon	Online	
Post Service Refreshments and Chat	Sun 25 th Oct	12-12.40 pm	AUC	All are welcome to share in refreshments and chat after the service.
Coffee Social: Come OUT with Our Tribe (LGBTQI+)	Sun 25 th Oct	1:30-3pm	Coffee Saints Little King St,	Chance to meet, chat and get to know each other over a cuppa. New people are always

			Edinburg h EH1 3AR (Opposit e the side entrance of John Lewis)	very welcome. Look out for the Rainbow flag on our table
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