

Liturgy Notes for the week of November 19, 2017

Liturgy: The Work of the People

Friends and strangers, passionate believers, hopeful skeptics: All are welcome as full participants or thoughtful observers.

If you are visiting, you'll find a card in the pew pocket explaining our liturgy. Fill out the back side and drop it in the basket to keep in touch.

This Week's Readings

John 14:16-17 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

John 14:25-27 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

John 16:5-7 But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

NOTES

See You Throughout the Week

- Lunch Today: Chi-lantro // 5222 Burnet Rd
- Help our kids collect cans!
- 12/3: Ice Skating after liturgy

Community Group Discussion Guide

Community Groups are "Families on Mission."

Learn more at AustinMustardSeed.org/CommunityGroups.

Use this guide to facilitate discussion in your group and in personal reflection.

Check-in

Always begin by checking in. This is a time for everyone in the group to speak briefly. You may choose to always use the basic check-in question "what was one high point and one low point from your past week?" or come up with an "icebreaker" of your own.

Sermon Synopsis // Who is the Holy Spirit?

In the final months before he was crucified, Jesus explained to his closest followers that he would be going away, and that it's as for the best. After that, he explained, the Holy Spirit would come. So, why is the Holy Spirit so important that Jesus would say we are better off with the Spirit than a human Jesus?

Discussion Questions

1. The Medieval Celts called the Holy Spirit the Wild Goose because wild geese are free, unpredictable, and disruptive. How is a wild goose different from how you've thought of the Holy Spirit in the past? What words would you use to describe the Holy Spirit?
2. Jesus said the Holy Spirit is like "rivers of living water." He also described the Spirit as wind blowing "where it chooses." Which of these resonates most with you? When have you encountered the Spirit as a river or as wind? Describe what happened.
3. The Holy Spirit comes alongside us as our advocate or helper. In what ways does the Holy Spirit help you?
4. Jesus told his disciples that it was better that he left and sent the Holy Spirit to be with them. Why is it better for us to have the Holy Spirit with us than to have a physical Jesus?
5. Where do you see the Holy Spirit at work now either in your immediate relationships or in the world? How can we encourage each other as individuals and as a church to participate with the work of the Holy Spirit?