

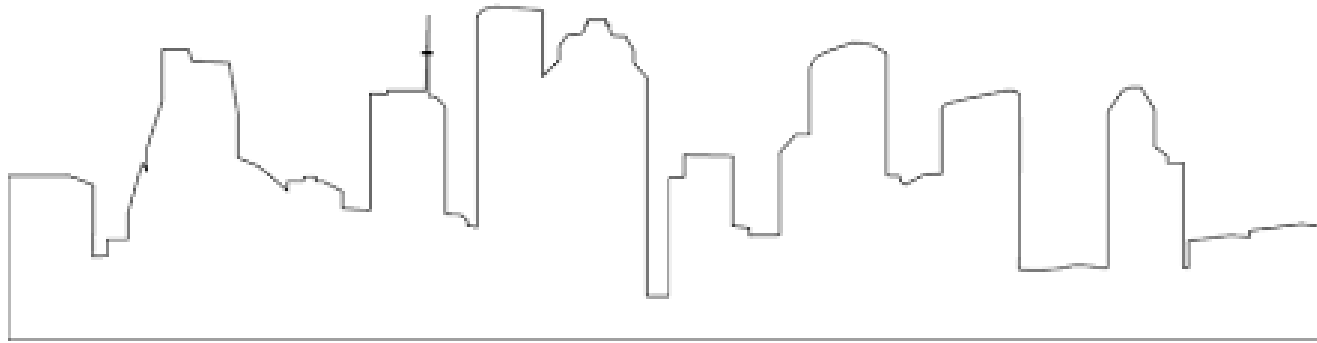


# **A PLACE AT THE TABLE: JUSTICE AND JOY**

July 9-August 13  
9:30am

# A PRAYER FOR CITIES

Heavenly One, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



# A PLACE AT THE TABLE VERSE 1

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,

and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

## VERSE 2

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair,  
and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

# VERSE 3

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,  
and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

# VERSE 4

For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live,

and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

# VERSE 5

For gay and for straight, a place at the table,  
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,  
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,  
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,  
and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

# VERSE 6

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,

and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!



# GOALS

Reacquaint theological purpose of service

Learn tools of civic engagement

Build our knowledge about the issues: homelessness, immigration, advocacy

Connecting our faith and advocacy in story



# THEOLOGY OF SERVICE AT ST. STEPHEN'S

- Each one of us serves
- We do it everyday
- Inside and outside of the church



# AREAS OF CALL (CHURCH + SCHOOL)

## ○ **Homelessness and Hunger**

- Stand Up For Kids
- Christian Community Service Center
- Lord of the Streets
- Montrose Grace Place
- Echos

## ○ **LGBTQ+ community**

- Integrity
- Dignity

## ○ **Immigration**

- Fey y Justicia
- United We Dream

## ○ **Advocacy**

- Equality Texas
- HRC
- Planned Parenthood





Service without justice can devolve into mere housekeeping;

justice without service into pure politics. Jesus calls us, not to one or the other, but to both.