

Worship at the Gathering

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Monday – Friday

Early Morning Outdoor Meeting for Worship under the care of Quaker Earthcare Witness
7:00 am Meet in front of Ottawa East (chairs in main lobby by elevator – please return)

Meeting for Worship under the care of the Healing Center
7:30 am Student Union: 2582

Daily Extended Meeting for Worship, 9:15 am –11:45 am Ottawa East: 3215
This is an opportunity for those who want extended worship

Meeting for Worship under the care of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns (FLGBTQC), 4:30 pm Rec Center: Maple Room (Childcare in Presidents: 1203)

Silent Grace at meals, Silent Grace. To be held in the main dining area at 7:10 am, 8:10 am, 12:10 pm and 1:10 pm and 5:10 pm and 6:10 pm. Signaled by members of Worship Committee and others raising their hands until the silence spreads around the area, and closed after ~90 seconds with a simple "Thank you, Friends!" from the designated volunteer. UT students and other groups on campus may or may not join us in the silence.

Bible Half-Hour led by Dwight Wilson, 8:00 am Student Union: 2592

In accord with our theme The Power of Truth our text will be The Book of James. What does it mean to listen? How do we live in the world without being tainted by it? How do we listen for a warning call that we might have strayed? Each morning Dwight will lead us in making connections to personal stories, and opening ourselves to unexpected prompting.

The Silent Center, Student Union: 2579

The Silent Center is open from 12 noon to 11 pm each day. The Silent Center is a place of quiet where Friends may pause to surround themselves in stillness and further strengthen the roots of their spirituality. In the silence of this center Friends may meditate, pray, read, write, draw or simply rest.

Note that this year, it is not the location of the daily extended Meeting for Worship- see above for that location.

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Other Opportunities

**All Gathering Welcome, Opening Worship and Water Ceremony, Sunday 7 pm
Student Union: Auditorium**

Lifting up in prayer through Worship Sharing the Concerns of Trans-Women of Color, Tuesday 3:15 pm, Student Union 3020 - Harassment and hate violence are serious realities both for transgender communities, and for people/communities of color. People whose identities intersect with both of these communities are even more likely to experience violence and early death, trans women of color in particular. Using a video clip and/or a piece of writing (TBD) to get us started, through worship sharing and the help of Spirit, Friends will explore various ways in which we are called to live into our peace testimony to help support and affirm the lives of trans women of color.

Meeting for Worship Under the care of Nontheist Friends, Wednesday 3:15 pm, Student Union 2592 -- All Friends are invited to join in worship for an hour and, if desired, to stay afterward for discussion.

Meeting for Worship to Lift Concerns for Young Men of Color, Friday 3:15 pm, Student Union 3020 - Events during the past years have heightened our awareness of the precarious position of young men of color in our society. They have been killed by vigilantes; they have been stopped and frisked by law enforcement; they are disproportionately imprisoned for violation of drug laws. They disproportionately fill our prisons and jails. We meet together in worship to lift up a concern for the collective violence – direct and structural – we have brought against these young men and to ask Spirit to tender our hearts and open the way for us to witness against these injustices.

Reflections on the Power of Truth, Thursday 9:15 pm Student Union 3018
Worship Sharing under the care of the Quaker Arts Center

All Gathering Closing Worship, Saturday 9 am Student Union Auditorium -- An opportunity for all to close our week together.

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