

**Earth Month Closing Ceremony:** Bonfire & Poetry Tuesday April 25th  
4-9pm in Augsburg Community Garden

**The Baccalaureate Service will be Sunday, April 30,** @ 11am in Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center. Baccalaureate is a celebration service of music and word, held for the graduating class and friends and family, celebrating the completion of your studies at Augsburg. Graduating students should wear their cap and gown and may sit with their family or guests in any available seats. This year we will again join with the Trinity Lutheran Congregation. At the Baccalaureate service, graduates will receive a blessing blanket. Seniors, sign up to be part of the processional party!

**Interfaith Community Sending is on Tuesday, April 25,** @ 6:00pm in Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center. Graduating students of all religious and non-religious identities are invited to this interfaith service celebrating your educational journey. This 45-minute service will be a special time of reflection and blessing. This service is led by the Interfaith Scholar Cohort. Blessing blankets will also be given at the Interfaith Sending. (One blanket per graduate, please).

#### CAMPUS MINISTRY STAFF

**Pastor Babette Chatman '06**, University Pastor and Director of Campus Ministries

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#### **Daily Chapel**

April 21, 2023

Blessing of the Bicycles

*Welcome to Campus Ministry's Daily Chapel at Augsburg University.  
We are blessed by your presence among us!*

*Urban biking is not without peril. Many in our community rely exclusively on human-powered transportation and do so while competing for road space with motorized vehicles. In partnership with Augsburg's Environmental Action Committee and Sustainability Efforts, and as a way of acknowledging the inherent goodness of God's gifts of life and health and the humble but elegant bicycle, we are conducting a Blessing of the Bicycles for the entire Augsburg cycling community.*

**PRELUDE** *Nimble Feet from Dances in the Canebreaks* Florence Price

#### **WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

*Ezekiel, Chapter 1...A vision from the Holy One:*

As I looked at the living creatures, I saw a wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, one for each of the four of them. As for the appearance of the wheels and their construction: their appearance was like the gleaming of beryl; and the four had the same form, their construction being something like a wheel within a wheel. When they moved, they moved in any of the four directions without veering as they moved. Their rims were tall and awesome, for the rims of all four were full of eyes all round. When the living creatures moved, the wheels moved beside them; and when the living creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose. Wherever the spirit would go, they went, and the wheels rose along with them; for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. When they moved, the others moved; when they stopped, the others stopped; and when they rose from the earth, the wheels rose along with them; for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

## OPEN SPACE

Tell us about YOUR bike, what makes it special, quirky, sketchy, beautiful, etc.!

(You may respond either by speaking Hear our Prayer or by ringing a bicycle bell or horn!)

Present in a world groaning under the excesses of consumption we acknowledge the inherent goodness of non-motorized human powered transportation and give thanks for the simple beauty of the bicycle.

God of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Present in a community filled with folks of all ages, we pray for those learning to ride and to commute by bike. Keep them smart, safe and visible on these roads. God of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Present in a community filled with strife we pray for the victims of road rage, and bike theft. And we ask for the strength to forgive mean people and jerks who cut us off in traffic. God of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Present in a world of work we pray for those who build, repair and clean our bikes and those who rely on bicycles to earn their living. Bless those who choose to not drive to work and those for whom driving isn't even an option. God of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Present in a community of beautiful diversity we ask your protection and blessing on all who ride; Pedi cabbies, athletes, homeless folks, students, children, eco-champions, bike co-op anarchists, messengers and all the others who take to the Minneapolis streets, bike paths, and parks. Keep us safe as we ride. God of life, **Hear our prayer.**

## BLESSINGS OF THE BICYCLES

*Repeat each phrase after me as we leave this space blessed by God, by our bikes, by each other:*

May the road rise to meet you..... May the wind be ever at your back. ....May all your journeying be joyous. .... And until we meet again ....may God hold you.... and your bicycles..... in the palm of God's hand.  
Go in peace and safety. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata in C*

Domenico Zipoli  
Sarah Runck, organ

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Liturgists:** Pastor John Schwehn

**Piano:** Brian De Young, Campus Ministry Musician

**Organ:** Sarah Runck

Blessing of the Bicycles liturgy used and adapted from House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, CO and the the Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber.

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Thank you to the Environmental Action Committee for all the Earth Month activities.

## Upcoming in Chapel

**Friday, April 21 at 10:40 am:** Blessing of the bikes, skateboards, or roller-blades!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Friday April 21st All Day!

Bike, Walk, Roll to Campus Day!

To celebrate Earth Month, bike, walk, skateboard, rollerblade, or take another active and environmentally friendly mode of transportation to Augsburg! Send a picture of yourself commuting to campus to be shared on social media to [environmentalstewardship@augsborg.edu](mailto:environmentalstewardship@augsborg.edu) or [@sustainable\\_augsburgu](https://www.instagram.com/sustainable_augsburgu) on Instagram. Sharing a picture of your commute will enter you into a random drawing for the chance to win a gift card to a local business. What made your route safe and possible for you? How can we co-create this reality for others? Contact: Summer Bordon, MN GreenCorps Member ([environmentalstewardship@augsborg.edu](mailto:environmentalstewardship@augsborg.edu))

**Friday April 21st - Bike Workshop** 3:30-5:30PM "CASUS and EAC Join the Club of Augsburg Sociology & Urban Studies (CASUS) and other bike enthusiasts to celebrate all things biking! Bring your bike for a basic maintenance walkthrough with a representative from Freewheel bike shop and customize your bike with a recycled milk carton basket! Additionally, we will be giving away a free bike rack to one member and their lucky ride! You can also stop by to purchase bike racks or try your hand at upcycling provided milk-crates into cargo racks to attach to your bike! Don't have a bike? No problem! Come and meet the bikes of the Augsburg Bikeshare Program! Location: Murphy Square  
Contact: Maya Merritt, EAC Officer ([merrittm@augsborg.edu](mailto:merrittm@augsborg.edu))