Introduction

We often assume that worshiping God and working for justice are two separate tasks of the church. In reality, worship and justice work are two halves of a whole. In our worship, we participate in the God’s bringing about a reign of justice and peace for the world.

Just Worship is a project that enables people to understand and enact the relationship between worshiping God and working for justice. The documentary provided here will take you to Austin, Texas, where about 75 people gathered to hear about God’s call to justice-making, to learn how our worship enables us to be part of God’s own justice-making, and, of course to just worship!

The Just Worship leadership team is interracial and intercultural, working intentionally across traditional boundaries to show the necessary bond between justice and worship. In this documentary, you will hear from

- Paul Roberts, President, Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary
- Margaret Aymer, Professor of New Testament studies, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Kimberly Bracken Long, Editor, Call to Worship, Office of Theology and Worship
- Jennifer Lord, Professor of homiletics and liturgical studies, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

You’ll experience music led by

- Eric Wall, Assistant Professor of Music and Dean of the Chapel, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Tony McNeill, Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Music, Clinton College, Rock Hill, South Carolina
- Jorge Lockward, Minister of Worship Arts, Church of the Village, New York City, who directs a performance of Manos Indocumentadas / Undocumented Hands, a bilingual cantata regarding undocumented workers and those who hire them
- Josh Blaine, founder of Finding Our Voices, who leads a community sing in the rotunda of the Texas state capitol on the first and last Mondays of each month. The songs support movements for social, environmental, and economic justice.

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