

**April 21, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

4th Sunday of Easter

United Christian Church of Austin

## **-- GATHERING --**

### **PRELUDE**

Nick Jimenez, *Accompanist*

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(See pages 13-15 for printed announcements)*

Pastor Janet Maykus  
*Interim Senior Minister*

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sue Lucas, *Liturgist*

One: How joyful it is to celebrate the good news of God's love!

**All: We are called to be Easter people!**

One: Darkness cannot claim us!

**All: Fear cannot bind us!**

One: Joy and Celebration ring in our hearts!

**All: Come, let us raise our voices in song!**

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

"Now Let Us All, in Hymns of Praise"

NCH #529, vv. 1-2

Now let us all, in hymns of praise,  
bear witness with one voice  
To God's redeeming work in Christ,  
and bid the world rejoice.  
Today we call to mind the things  
that time cannot erode:  
what God, Creator of the world,  
is doing for our good.

What changes, challenges, and tests  
the church of Christ survives!  
How rich the records left to us  
of dedicated lives!  
Still must the church proclaim to all  
that now, and evermore,  
the house of God is open house,  
and Christ the Open Door.

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Sue Lucas, *Liturgist*

Let us approach God with confidence, trusting in God's grace as we humbly confess our sins.

**All: God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, help us to change our ways, and make us whole. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Pastor Carl Schwartz-King

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*The people are invited to share a sign of God's peace with one another such as a greeting, handshake, etc.*

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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# -- THE WORD --

## OUTREACH COLLECTION

“Halle, Halle, Halle”

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
 le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
 lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

### Verses

*Cantor:* 1. Glo - ry to God on high! *All:* Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! *Cantor:* Glo - ry from  
 2. Glo - ry, cre - a - tor praise! Glo - ry and  
 3. Glo - ry, rolled a - way the stone! Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, His  
 4. Glo - ry! to our God we sing! Glo - ry our  
 5. Glo - ry! O Ho - ly Lord! Glo - ry! O  
*All:* far and wide! *Cantor:* Glo - ry and  
 thanks we raise! Glo - ry and  
 death has flown! Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, for  
 song takes wing! Glo - ry! to  
 Christ, a - dored! Glo - ry! O  
*All:* peace on earth a - bide! **D.C.**  
 bless - ing all our days!  
 Je - sus lives a - gain! Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 Christ our love we bring!  
 Spir - it, now out - poured!

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# TIME FOR CHILDREN

Emily Jamison Guerrero  
Director of Children's Ministries

All children are invited to come forward to take a blue basket to collect outreach offerings. You may donate money or items for our little free pantry.

After our Outreach Collection, children and the young-at-heart are invited to sit on the chancel steps or floor in front of the steps.

Following the prayer, children are invited to the Children's Wing for the remainder of worship, or may return to sit with their families.

## CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG      refrain from "Peace, My Friends"

### PEACE, MY FRIENDS

Ray Repp

Refrain

Peace I leave with you, my friends. Sha-lom, my peace in  
all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends.  
I give to you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:16-24  
Sue Lucas, *Liturgist*

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from God whatever we ask, because we obey God’s commandments and do what pleases God. And this is God’s commandment, that we should believe in the name of God’s Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as God has commanded us. All who obey God’s commandments abide in God, and God abides in them. And by this we know that God abides in us, by the Spirit that God has given us.

**All: May we be granted wisdom and courage for interpretation.**

## SERMON

**“Lay Down Your Life - Really?”**  
Pastor Carl Schwartz-King

# HYMN OF RESPONSE

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

1 We can - not mea - sure how you heal or an - swer  
2 The pain that will not go a - way, the guilt that  
3 So some have come who need your help and some have

6

ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet we be - lieve your  
clings from things long past, the fear of what the  
come to make a - mends, as hands which shaped and

1

grace re - sponds where faith and doubt u - nite to  
fu - ture holds, are pres - ent as if meant to  
saved the world are pres - ent in the touch of

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care. Your hands, though scarred by the cross, sur-  
last. But pres - ent too is love which tends the  
friends. Lord, let your Spir - it meet us here to

21

vive to hold and heal and warn, to car-ry all through  
hurt we nev - er hoped to find, the pri-vate ag - o -  
mend the bod - y, mind, and soul, to dis-en - tan - gle

27

death to life when we re - joice and when we mourn.  
nies in - side, the mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.  
peace from pain, and make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

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# -- PRAYER TIME --

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Carl Schwartz-King

*As petitions conclude, each will end with:*

One: O Lord,

**All: hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father/Creator who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom/kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom/kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

# -- OFFERTORY --

## INVITATION TO GIVING

## OFFERTORY

*We invite you to partner with us in mission and ministries.  
Offertory plates will be passed around the Sanctuary at this time.  
Alternatively, you may give online at [uccaustin.org/give](https://uccaustin.org/give)  
or scan the QR codes in the pew to be connected to giving websites.  
It is through your generosity that this exceptional community  
of friendship, faith and service is possible.*

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# \*DOXOLOGY

## “Let’s Praise God”

Let's praise God for ea- ch good thing; all cre - a - tionshou- t and sing! Praise three

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

5  
per - sons, yet one love; Ma - ker, Sa - vior, Ho - - - ly Dove!

The second system of music starts at measure 5. It continues with two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

10  
A - - - men.

The third system of music starts at measure 10. It continues with two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

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# -- HOLY COMMUNION --

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE** Pastor Carl Schwartz-King

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** Pastor Carl Schwartz-King

**TABLE BLESSING** Clark Thompson, Deacon

**CALL TO THE TABLE** Pastor Carl Schwartz-King

*All are now invited to come forward down the center aisle for communion.  
You may open your hands for a piece of bread from the common loaf.*

*The deacons hold split chalices that have both **RED** wine  
and **WHITE** grape juice in them.  
Please use what is right for you.*

*Alternatively, single-serve communion kits with gluten-free wafers and juice are  
available in the tray that I will be holding, if that works best for you.*

*Please return to your seats by the side aisles.*

*A deacon will come around to serve any who remain seated.  
You may also use the time to light a candle of prayer.*

*Come now, for the table is ready.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** "Rooted and Grounded in Love"

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Pastor Carl Schwartz-King

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# -- WE GO OUT TO SERVE --

## \*SENDING HYMN

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2. We want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3. We want to share his love with the world.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
We want to live like Je - sus.  
Spread - ing the joy of Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right-cous-ness shine on our path And  
Shin - ing like stars with his rad - i - cal love, On

star of my life is Je - sus.  
show us the way to the Kin - dom.  
earth as it is in hea - ven.

In Him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine from our hearts, O Je - sus.

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**\*BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Pastor Carl Schwartz-King

One: As our Sunday worship ends,  
**ALL: Let our service begin!**

**POSTLUDE**

Nick Jimenez

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# -- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

## TODAY, Sunday, April 21

- **11:15am-12:15pm - Adult Discussion Class** in Room 6, led by Pastor Carl Schwartz-King.
- **11:15am-12:15pm - Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting.** The next VBS planning meeting will be on May 5th. Contact Emily Jamison Guerrero for details.
- **5:30-7:30pm - Sunday Small Group** (*child care provided*).

## Tuesday, April 23

- **8am - Breakfast Fellowship.** All are welcome to join for breakfast and fellowship, weekly on Tuesday mornings. Contact Kenneth Dalley for details.
- **1pm - Tuesday Book Group** (*on Zoom, link provided in Friday's e-newsletter*). The current book is "Blessed Are the Women" by Claire K. McKeever-Burgett. This is a 10-week study that anyone is welcome to join at any time. Please contact Diane Baker for more information.
- **6:30-8pm - Tuesday Small Group.**
- **7-8pm - Bell Choir Practice.** Weekly practice of "anthem-style" music.

## Wednesday, April 24

- **6:30-8pm - Wednesday Evening Book Group** (*on Zoom, link provided in Friday's e-newsletter*). This group is open to all interested readers. A new book is read monthly and then discussed at our monthly gathering. Please contact Cherie Hinch for details.

## Thursday, April 25

- **6:30-8pm - Thursday Small Group** (*child-friendly*).

## Friday, April 26

- **7:00pm - Friday Game Night** at UCC. Come join the fun! Feel free to bring your games, snacks to share, and invite any friends or neighbors who are interested. Please RSVP to Walt or Evelyn Case.

## Sunday, April 28

- **11:15am-12:00pm - Beginner Bell Practice** in Room 10. Practice will be every 2 weeks. This is the perfect opportunity to see what bells are about – we will gear this toward ringers who have never held a bell and/or don't read music. Come as you are, come as you can; we'll be so happy to have you!
- **11:30am - Young Adults Brown Bag Fellowship** at the Goudeaus' home. Bring lunch from your favorite place and join in for a couple of hours of friendship and fellowship.

## Tuesday, April 30

- **8am - Breakfast Fellowship.** All are welcome to join for breakfast and fellowship, weekly on Tuesday mornings. Contact Kenneth Dalley for details.
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## Wednesday, May 1

- **9:30-11:00am - Wednesday Small Group.**

## Sunday, May 5

- **11:15am-12:15pm - Adult Discussion Class** in Room 6, led by Pastor Janet Maykus.
- **11:15am-12:15pm - Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting.** Contact Emily Jamison Guerrero for details.
- **5:30-7:30pm - Sunday Small Group** (*child care provided*).