

**April 28, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

5th Sunday of Easter

United Christian Church of Austin

## **-- GATHERING --**

### **PRELUDE**

Nick Jimenez, *Accompanist*

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Carol Barrett

*(See pages 12-13 for printed announcements)*

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

Carl Schwartz-King, *Liturgist*

One: Come and sit with me; we shall study the Word.

**All: Together we shall read and understand.**

One: Come and kneel with me; we shall break the bread.

**All: Together we shall eat and be satisfied.**

One: Come and walk with me; we shall part the waters.

**All: Together we shall risk, and, behold, we shall be changed.**

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

NCH #331

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
such a way as gives us breath;  
Such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as conquers death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
such a light as shows a feast;  
Such a feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a joy as none can move;  
Such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Carl Schwartz-King, *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

Carol Barrett

## 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

Acts 8:26-40

Carl Schwartz-King, *Liturgist*

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

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

# SERMON

“Blown Off Course”

Carol Barrett

# HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

NCH #495

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

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# -- PRAYER TIME --

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Carol Barrett

*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.*

# \*DOXOLOGY

## “Let’s Praise God”

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

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

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A - - - men.

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# -- HOLY COMMUNION --

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE** Carol Barrett

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** Carol Barrett

**TABLE BLESSING** Carol Barrett, Deacon

**CALL TO THE TABLE** Carol Barrett

*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** "A Place at the Table"

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Carol Barrett

# -- 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.

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The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "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." The music is in a minor key and 4/4 time.

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## \*BENEDICTION/SENDING

Carol Barrett

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

## POSTLUDE

Nick Jimenez

# -- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

## TODAY, 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.
- **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.
- **7-8pm - Bell Choir Practice.** Weekly practice of "anthem-style" music.

## Wednesday, May 1

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

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## 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 - Cinco de Mayo Potluck.** The Sunday night small group will be wrapping up the spring session on May 5th with a Cinco de Mayo potluck to celebrate a season of friendship and the victory of Mexico over France in the Battle of Puebla with shareable food! It doesn't even have to be Mexican food! Letty Tomlinson will create a sign-up list so we don't all end up bringing chips and salsa!

## Thursday, May 9

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

## Friday, May 10

- **9:30-11am - Not Ready For Prime Time Book Group** (*on Zoom, link in Friday's e-newsletter*). Monthly discussion on the group's current book, which can be found on the UCC website.
- **11:15am - Lunch Bunch.** Monthly meetup for fellowship at different restaurants. Contact Kenneth Dalley for location.

## Sunday, May 12 - Happy Mother's Day