

April 14, 2024

10:00 AM

3rd Sunday of Easter

United Christian Church of Austin

-- GATHERING --

PRELUDE

Nick Jimenez, *Accompanist*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(See pages 14-16 for printed announcements)

Pastor Janet Maykus
Interim Senior Minister

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Walt Case, *Liturgist*

One: We come to God, our holy shepherd,

All: as we come to a green meadow.

One: God prepares a place for us,

All: and we give glory in God's presence.

One: How excellent is this dwelling place

All: under the eyes of God's care!

One: We turn to God in joy.

All: Our good shepherd provides for all our needs.

*OPENING HYMN

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Descant

5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

1. The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. God
 2. My soul thou dost re - store a - gain and
 3. Yea, though I walk in death's deep vale, yet
 4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for -

1. makes me down to lie in pas - tures green, and
 2. me to walk dost make with - in the paths of
 3. I will fear no ill. For thou art with me
 4. pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost a -
 5. sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for -

ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

1. lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 2. righ - teous - ness e'en for thine own name's sake.
 3. and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 4. noint with oil and my cup o - ver - flows.
 5. ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Walt Case, *Liturgist*

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

**All: Holy One, you are our shepherd,
And yet we want.
We lie down when we could act,
We stir the pot when we could offer peace,
We wander tempting paths instead of following you.
We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you.
We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them,
We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance.
We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy,
So that we might dwell in you, in your grace, forever. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Pastor Janet Maykus

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.**

-- THE WORD --

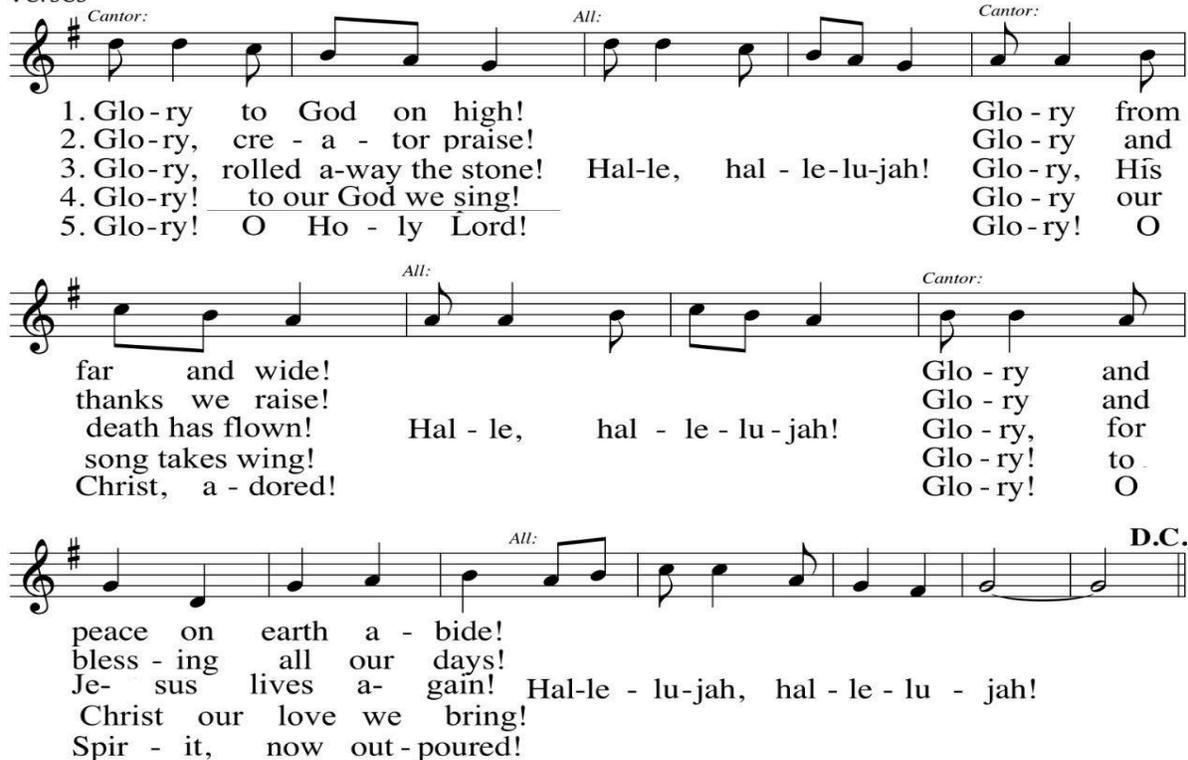
OUTREACH COLLECTION

“Halle, Halle, Halle”



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

Psalm 23
Walt Case, *Liturgist*

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff -- they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

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

SERMON

"It's Good to Be a Sheep"
Pastor Janet Maykus

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"My Shepherd Is the Living God"
NCH #247

My shepherd is the living God,
I therefore nothing need;
In pastures fair, near pleasant streams
you settle me to feed.
You bring my wandering spirit back
when I forsake your ways,
And lead me for your mercy's sake
in paths of truth and grace.

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When I walk through the shades of death,
your presence is my stay;
A word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows,
your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others come and go -
No more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.

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-- PRAYER TIME --

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Janet Maykus

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
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”

Marco Adria

R. Vaughan Williams,
adapt, E. Harold Geer

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

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

10
A - - - - men.

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-- HOLY COMMUNION --

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Janet Maykus

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

TABLE BLESSING

Cody Shoop, Deacon

CALL TO THE TABLE

Pastor Janet Maykus

*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

“Shepherd Me, O God”

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Janet Maykus

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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-eous-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 Janet Maykus

One: As our Sunday worship ends,

ALL: Let our service begin!

POSTLUDE

Nick Jimenez

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-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

TODAY, Sunday, April 14

- **11:15am-12:15pm - Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting.** Meetings to follow on April 21st & May 5th. Contact Emily Jamison Guerrero for details.
- **11:30am - Second Sunday Social at Aviator Pizza.**
- **11:40am-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!
- **5:30-7:30pm - Sunday Small Group** (*child care provided*).

Monday, April 15

- **6:30-7:10pm - Finance Committee Meeting** (*on Zoom, link provided in Friday's e-newsletter, or contact Jon Kinder*).
- **7:10-8:00pm - Executive Council Meeting** (*on Zoom, link provided in Friday's e-newsletter, or contact Jon Kinder*).

Tuesday, April 16

- **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.

Tuesday, April 16 (continued)

- **7-8pm - Bell Choir Practice.** Weekly practice of “anthem-style” music.

Wednesday, April 17

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

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.
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Wednesday, April 24

- **6:30-8:00pm - 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

- **6:30-8:00pm - 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.