

February 4, 2024

10:00 AM

5th Sunday after Epiphany

United Christian Church of Austin

-- GATHERING --

PRELUDE

Nick Jimenez, *Primary Accompanist*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Janet Maykus
Interim Senior Minister

(See page 11 for printed announcements)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Katherine Griffin-Erickson, *Liturgist*

One: Come, rejoice and sing! God's love is showered over you this day.

All: We gather to praise God and celebrate God's presence with us.

One: God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden.

All: The Christ offers healing mercies to our troubled souls.

One: Praise be to God who has called us here.

All: Thanks be to God for God's eternal love. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN

“Rejoice, You Pure in Heart”
NCH #55

Rejoice, you pure in heart; lift praises to the sky;
Your festal banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!

**[Refrain:] Rejoice (rejoice), rejoice (rejoice),
rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

Bright youth and seasoned age, strong souls and spirits meek,
Raise high your free, exulting song, God’s wondrous praises speak.

[Refrain]

With voice as full and strong as ocean’s surging praise,
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of ancient days.

[Refrain]

Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as you go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:

[Refrain]

Praise God who rules all worlds, the risen Christ adore,
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God forever more!

[Refrain]

Words: Edward H. Plumptre, 1865, alt. Music: MARION S.M. with refrain, Arthur H. Messiter, 1883 ©1995 *The New Century Hymnal*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Katherine Griffin-Erickson, *Liturgist*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: We live with hard hearts that are in need of your softening.
We clench our fists and jaws in rage, and fail to live with compassion.
We dig in our heels, refusing to see goodness in others.
We live as if our ways are best, refusing to follow the paths you light for us.
We pray that you would forgive us, continue to mold us, so that we may live and move in you.

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.

* Asterisk signifies the people are invited to rise in body or Spirit.

Bolded text indicates spoken or sung by the congregation.

-- THE WORD --

OUTREACH COLLECTION

“We Are the Church”

NATURE & FOUNDATION

550 We Are the Church

Refrain (Unison)

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -
geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,
all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

1 The church is not a build - ing, the church is not a stee - ple,
2 We're man - y kinds of peo - ple, with man - y kinds of fac - es,
3 Some - times the church is march - ing, some - times it's brave - ly burn - ing,
4 And when the peo - ple gath - er, there's sing - ing and there's pray - ing,
5 At Pen - te - cost some peo - ple re - ceived the Ho - ly Spir - it

to Refrain

the church is not a rest - ing place, the church is a peo - ple.
all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac - es.
some - times it's rid - ing, some - times hid - ing, al - ways it's learn - ing.
there's laugh - ing and there's cry - ing some - times, all of it say - ing:
and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

WORDS AND MUSIC: Richard K. Avery (1934-) and Donald S. Marsh (1923-)
Words and Music © 1972 Hope Publishing Company

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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

"Shalom Chaverim"

Shalom chaverim! Shalom chaverot!

Shalom, shalom!

Le-hit-ra-ot, le-hit-ra-ot,

Shalom, shalom!

Translation from Hebrew:

*Shalom, my friends, shalom, my friends,
shalom, shalom.*

*Farewell, my friends, farewell, my friends,
shalom, shalom.*

Words: Traditional Hebrew blessing; tr. Roger N. Deschner, 1982. Tr. © 1982, The United Methodist Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used with permission.
Music: Israeli melody. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Katherine Griffin-Erickson, *Liturgist*

Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don't be divided into rival groups. Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose. My brothers and sisters, Chloe's people gave me some information about you, that you're fighting with each other. What I mean is this: that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," "I belong to Apollos," "I belong to Cephas," "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you, or were you baptized in Paul's name?

Thank God that I didn't baptize any of you, except Crispus and Gaius, so that nobody can say that you were baptized in my name! Oh, I baptized the house of Stephanas, too. Otherwise, I don't know if I baptized anyone else. Christ didn't send me to baptize, but to preach the good news. And Christ didn't send me to preach the good news with clever words, so that Christ's cross won't be emptied of its meaning. The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved.

One: This is the Word of God for all the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Beautiful Foolishness"

Pastor Janet Maykus

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“I Come with Joy”
NCH #349

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus we meet,
and better know the Presence, ever near,
and join our hearts and sing
with joy that Christ is risen here.

Together met, together bound,
in friendship we will stay,
and go with joy to love the world
and live the way we pray.

Words: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1982, 1994
Music: DOVE OF PEACE, *Southern Harmony*, 1835, Arr. Austin Lovelace, 1977
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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.*

***DOXOLOGY**

“Old Hundredth”
(tune: NCH #7)

-- HOLY COMMUNION --

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Pastor Janet Maykus

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

TABLE BLESSING

Clark Thompson, *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.

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COMMUNION MUSIC

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Janet Maykus

-- WE GO OUT TO SERVE --

*SENDING HYMN

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”
NCH #164, vv 1, 3, 4

Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today!

Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones
And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's pow'r will make us strong.

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*BENEDICTION/SENDING

Pastor Janet Maykus

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

POSTLUDE

Nick Jimenez

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

 **TODAY, February 4th - YOUTH GROUP 5:30-7:30pm - CROP WALK panel discussion.**

Adult Discussion Class - TODAY, February 4, 11:15am-12:15pm, in Room 10, led by Pastor Janet Maykus.

Wednesday Small Group - Wednesday, February 7, 9:30am - 11am.

Not Ready for Prime Time Book Club - Friday, February 9, 9:30am-11am, via **Zoom**. All readers are invited to join in a lively discussion of the book of the month. Visit www.uccaustin.org/adults for book information and zoom link. Contact Tammy Isenberg with questions.

Children and Youth Ministry Volunteer Training - Sunday, February 11, 11:30am - 1 pm. Lunch Provided! Contact Emily Jamison Guerrero (emily@uccaustin.org) with any questions.

Bell and Chime Choir's next rehearsal will be **Sunday, February 11, 11:40am - 12:30pm**. Contact Melissa Vasquez (melissabee85@gmail.com) or Walt Case for more information.

Second Sunday Social at Aviator Pizza  on Parmer - **Sunday, February 11, after worship.**

 **February 11th - NO YOUTH GROUP - Super Bowl Sunday (YEAH SPORTSBALL!)**

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