

**October 6, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

United Christian Church of Austin

## **-- GATHERING --**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Janet Maykus

*(See page 10 for printed announcements.)*

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

Sarah Allen, *Liturgist*

One: Praise God! Alleluia! Alhamdullilah!

All: We praise the God of all creation.

One: Peace, salaam, shalom!

All: We come, praying for peace for all the nations.

One: We come with sumud— steadfastness - in solidarity with our global siblings.

All: We worship God, we follow Christ's call, and we follow the guidance of the Spirit.

One: Let us worship the one God, source of all life, ground of all being.

All: Let us worship God!

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

**"I Come With Joy"**

Chalice Hymnal #420

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

**2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,**

the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.

**3 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 strangers now are friends.**

**4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.**

**5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world,  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.**

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## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Sarah Allen, *Liturgist*

When we admit the places where we are broken and ask for repair, we  
join in the act of reconciliation, and hope for new life.

**You are our shepherd,  
And yet we want.**

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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.

“Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, ‘Hold Fast to What Is Good’

## **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 --**

## **MISSION COLLECTION**

**“A Place in the Choir”**

*Refrain: All God’s creatures got a place in the choir  
Some sing low, some sing higher  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire  
and some just clap their hands or paws or anything they’ve got now*

<p><b>1 Listen to the top where the little bird sings On the melodies and the high notes ringing, And the hoot owl cries over everything And the blackbird disagrees.</b></p> <p><b>Singing in the night-time, singing in the day, When little duck quacks, and he's on his way. And the otter hasn't got much to say And the porcupine talks to himself!</b></p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p>	<p><b>2 The dogs and the cats they take up the middle While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles, The donkey brays and the pony neighs And the old gray badger sighs...</b></p> <p><b>Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus Moans and groans with a big t'do And the old cow just goes moo.</b></p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p>
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**3 It's a simple song, a little song everywhere  
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear,  
The dopey alligator and the hawk above,  
The sly old weasel and the turtle dove. *Refrain 2x***

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## **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Emily Jamison Guerrero  
*Director of Children's Ministries*

## **CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG**

**"Peace, Salaam, Shalom!"**

**Peace, Salaam, Shalom!  
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Peace, Salaam, Shalom!**

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14: 22-26  
Sarah Allen, *Liturgist*

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the[a] covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

One: May we be granted wisdom and courage for interpretation

All: Amen.

## SERMON

"Communion"

Pastor Janet Maykus

## ANTHEM

"Come, Christians Join To Sing"

UCC Bell Choir

## -- 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 who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom 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, the power,  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## -- OFFERTORY --

### INVITATION TO GIVING

Diane Baker

### OFFERTORY

*We invite you to partner with us in mission and ministries.  
Offering 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

### “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551  
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# -- COMMUNION --

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE** Pastor Janet Maykus

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** Pastor Janet Maykus

**TABLE BLESSING** Claire 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.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Pastor Janet Maykus

# -- WE GO OUT TO SERVE --

**\*SENDING HYMN** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"  
Chalice Hymnal #446

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord lift his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious, and be gracious;  
the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

Words: Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV); Music: BENEDICTION, Peter C. Lutkin (1900)  
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## **\*BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Pastor Janet Maykus

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

## **POSTLUDE**

Welcoming a New Member p. 341 Chalice (the red) Hymnal  
Reaffirming our own faith in Jesus the Christ,  
we gladly welcome you into this community of faith,  
enfolding you with our love  
and committing ourselves to your care.  
In the power of God's Spirit  
let us mutually encourage each other to trust God  
and strengthen one another to serve others,  
that Christ's church may in all things stand faithful.

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# -- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

## Sunday, October 6th

- 10:00am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15 am: Staff Planning Meeting
- 11:15am: Adult Discussion Group
- 5:00pm: “Bad Faith” Documentary Discussion
- 5:30pm: Sunday Evening Small Group

## Monday, October 7th

- 6:30pm: Choir Practice
- 7:00pm: Caring Elders Team Meeting

## Tuesday, October 8th

- 8:00am: Breakfast Fellowship
- 1:00pm: Tuesday Book Group

## Wednesday, October 9th

- 9:30am: Wednesday Morning Small Group at the Hearn's' home

## Thursday, October 10th

- 6:30pm: Handbell Practice

## Friday, October 11th

- 9:30am: Not Ready for Prime Time Bllk Club

## Saturday, October 12th

- 7:00pm: Walt & Evelyn Case Anniversary Celebration
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## Sunday, October 13th

- 10:00am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15 am: Transformation Sunday Potluck Picnic

# -- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

## Monday, October 14th

6:30pm: Choir Practice

## Tuesday, October 15th

- 8:00am: Breakfast Fellowship
- 1:00pm: Tuesday Book Group

## Thursday, October 17th

- 6:30pm: Handbell Practice

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## Transformation Sunday Potluck Picnic

Everyone is invited to join your UCC family and friends on Sunday, October 13, as we celebrate Transformation Sunday! Immediately following worship service, we'll gather for a potluck picnic in our back yard. You're welcome to bring finger food (sandwiches, charcuterie items, chips & dips, fruit veggies, etc.) Cupcakes and iced tea are provided by UCC. This is a time to celebrate our congregation together, as well as to reflect on the creative ministry and mission of UCC of Austin. We hope to see you after worship on October 13th!

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