

October 13, 2024

10:00 AM

United Christian Church of Austin

-- GATHERING --

PRELUDE

Nick Jimenez, *Accompanist*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

(See pages 10-11 for printed announcements.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Meghan Hatcher, *Liturgist*

One: God has called everyone to lives of hope and service.

All: We want to serve God, but sometimes life seems too difficult for us.

One: Place your trust in God's power and love.

All: God understands our needs, our sorrows, and our joys.

One: Come, let us worship God who is with us always.

All: Praise God for God's eternal presence.

***OPENING HYMN**

"This Is My Father's World"

Chalice Hymnal #59

1 This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
God's hands the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the flowers bright,
declare their Maker's praise.
Our God has made this world
and shines in all that's fair;
in rustling grass I hear God pass,
who speaks to me everywhere.

3 Our God has made this world;
oh, let us ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
God trusts us with this world,
to keep it clean and fair.
All earth and trees, the skies and seas,
God's creatures everywhere.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901, alt. Music: TERRA BEATA, Traditional English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915.
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Meghan Hatcher, *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.
We lie down when we could act,
We stir the pot when we could offer peace,

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

Bolded text indicates spoken or sung by the congregation.

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

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

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>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.</p> <p>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!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Refrain</i></p>	<p>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...</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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!
Peace, Salaam, Shalom!
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Peace, Salaam, Shalom!**

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SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:56-69

Meghan Hatcher, *Liturgist*

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you?"

Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."


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

All: Amen.

Thy Word

Amy Grant, 1984 Michael W Smith, 1984; arr. Keith Phillips

Unison



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

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SERMON “Do You Wish to Go Away?” Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”
 Chalice Hymnal #101, vv. 1-3

**1 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
 thou fount of life, thou light of light,
 greater than pleasure earth imparts,
 thy love is true and pure delight.**

**2 Thy gracious word hath ever stood:
 thou savest those that on thee call;
 to them that seek thee, thou art good,
 to them that find thee, all in all.**

**3 We taste thee, O thou living bread,
 and long to feast upon thee still;
 we drink of thee, the fountainhead,
 and thirst our souls from thee to fill.**

Words: Latin (12th century); tr. Ray Palmer, 1858, alt. Music: Henry Baker, 1854. © 1995 *Chalice Hymnal*

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-- PRAYER TIME --

PASTORAL PRAYER

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

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

Lynette Alcorn

Stewardship Team Lead

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
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	Janet Maykus, <i>Pastor</i>
WORDS OF INSTITUTION	Janet Maykus, <i>Pastor</i>
TABLE BLESSING	Lisa Deane, <i>Deacon</i>
CALL TO THE TABLE	Janet Maykus, <i>Pastor</i>

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

“Jesus Took the Bread”

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

-- WE GO OUT TO SERVE --

BLESSING OF THE PLEDGES

***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.

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

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

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

POSTLUDE

Nick Jimenez, *Accompanist*

Welcoming a New Member

Chalice Hymnal #341

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 13

- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15am: Transformation Sunday Potluck Picnic
- 5:30pm: Youth Group

Monday, October 14

- 6:30pm: Choir Practice

Tuesday, October 15

- 8am: Breakfast Fellowship at Jim's on 183
- 1pm: Tuesday Book Group (Zoom link in Friday newsletter)

Thursday, October 17

- 6:30pm: Handbell Practice

Sunday, October 20

- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15am: Adult Discussion Group
- 5:30pm: Sunday Evening Small Group at the church building
- 5:30pm: Youth Group

Monday, October 21

- 6:30pm: Choir Practice

Tuesday, October 22

- 8am: Breakfast Fellowship at Jim's on 183
- 1pm: Tuesday Book Group (Zoom link in Friday newsletter)
- 6:30pm: Tuesday Evening Small Group at the Myricks' home

Wednesday, October 23

- 9:30am: Wednesday Morning Small Group at the Hearn's' home
- 6:30pm: Wednesday Evening Book Club

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Thursday, October 24

- 6:30pm: Handbell Practice

Friday, October 25

- 7pm: Game Night

Transformation Sunday Potluck Picnic

Everyone is invited to join our UCC family and friends today as we celebrate Transformation Sunday! Immediately following the worship service, we'll gather for a potluck picnic in our sideyard. 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 Austin.

We hope to see you after worship today!

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