

October 20, 2024

10:00 AM

United Christian Church of Austin

-- GATHERING --

PRELUDE

Nick Jimenez, *Accompanist*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

(See pages 11-12 for printed announcements.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Ryan Arnold, *Liturgist*

One: Just as the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth so it may produce good things....

All: God's love is poured upon us, so we may produce goodness and peace.

One: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

All: With God's help we will use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

One: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and creative spirit of God.

All: Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Rejoice, You Pure In Heart”

Chalice Hymnal #15

1 Rejoice, you pure in heart; lift praises to the sky;
Your festive banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!
[Refrain:] Rejoice (rejoice), rejoice (rejoice),
rejoice, give thanks and sing.

2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spirits meek,
Raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak.
[Refrain]

3 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]

4 Yes, on through life's long path, still singing as you go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
[Refrain]

5 Praise God who rules all worlds, the risen Christ adore,
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God for evermore!
[Refrain]

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Ryan Arnold, *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,
We wander tempting paths instead of following You.
We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in You.

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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><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><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!
Peace, Salaam, Shalom!
Peace, Salaam, Shalom!**

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SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:35-45

Rev. Ryan Arnold, *Liturgist*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

All: Amen.

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

"Thy Word"

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Thy Word'. It is written for a unison voice part and piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics: 'Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.' The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand.

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SERMON

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant”

Chalice Hymnal #490

**1 Sister, let me be your servant,
Brother, let me walk with you;
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.**

**2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
Fellow trav'lers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.**

**3 I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.**

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4 When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of great love and agony.

5 Brother, let me be your servant,
Sister, let me walk with you;
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

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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

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.

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— — COMMUNION — —

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

TABLE BLESSING

Charlie Jamison, *Deacon*

CALL TO THE TABLE

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

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

Sue Lucas, *Flute*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

— — 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.

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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 20

- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15am: Adult Discussion Class
- 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 Myricks' home

Wednesday, October 23

- 9:30am: Wednesday Morning Small Group at the Hearn's home
- 6:30pm: Wednesday Evening Book Club (Zoom link in Friday newsletter)

Thursday, October 24

- 6:30pm: Handbell Practice

Friday, October 25th

- 7pm: Game Night

Sunday, October 27

- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15am: Young-ish Adults
- 4:30pm: Trunk-or-Treat
- 4:30pm: Youth Group

Monday, October 28

- 6:30pm: Choir Practice

— — ANNOUNCEMENTS — —

Tuesday, October 29

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

Thursday, October 31

- **6:30pm:** Handbell Practice

Trunk-or-Treat

We'll need lots of help from our amazing volunteers on Sunday, October 27th, and we hope you'll consider joining us!

We'd love to have twenty or more cars for our Trunk-or-Treat! Please consider signing up to decorate a trunk and to bring candy. If you can't be there in person, we're also taking donations of candy.

To sign up for helping with set-up or clean-up, decorating a car or donating candy, please click on the QR Code below.

And tell your family and friends to join us from 4:30-6pm on October 27th!



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