

**October 27, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

United Christian Church of Austin

## **-- GATHERING --**

### **PRELUDE**

Nick Jimenez, *Accompanist*

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Allen

*(See pages 11-12 for printed announcements.)*

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

Clark Thompson, *Liturgist*

One: Come, take refuge in the Word, for God is good.

All: From the storms and struggles of life we come.

One: Come, rejoice in the rest God provides.

All: From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.

One: Come, open your hearts and you will find blessings.

All: Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are loved.

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

**“All People That On Earth Do Dwell”**

The New Century Hymnal #7

1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Delight in God whose praise you tell,  
whose presence calls you to rejoice.

2 Know that there is one God, indeed,  
who fashions us without our aid,  
Who claims us, gives us all we need,  
whose tender care will never fade.

3 Enter the sacred gates with praise,

**with joy approach the temple walls.  
Extol and bless our God always  
as people whom the Spirit calls.**

**4 Proclaim again that God is good,  
whose mercy is forever sure,  
Whose truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.**

Words: William Kethe, 1561, adapt. Thomas Troeger, 1992; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois,  
*Trente quatre Pseaumes*, Geneva, 1551.  
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## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Clark Thompson, *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.  
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**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Allen

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

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## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Mark 9: 38-50**

Clark Thompson, *Liturgist*

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off;

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it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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 and piano accompaniment. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

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## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Sarah Allen

## HYMN OF RESPONSE “You Are Salt for the Earth, O People”

The New Century Hymnal #121

**1 You are salt for the earth, O people, salt for the reign of God!**

Share the flavor of life, O people, life in the City of God!

[Refrain] Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;  
Bring for the reign of justice, bring for the City of God!

2 You are a light on the hill, O people; light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people; shine for the City of God!  
[Refrain]

3 You are a seed of the Word, O people; bring forth the reign of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the City of God!  
[Refrain]

4 We are a blessed and a pilgrim people; bound for the reign of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the City of God!  
[Refrain]

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## — — PRAYER TIME — —

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Allen

*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**

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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](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

Carl Schwartz-King,  
Pastor

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Carl Schwartz-King, *Pastor*

## TABLE BLESSING

Claire Shoop, *Deacon*

## CALL TO THE TABLE

Carl Schwartz-King, *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.*

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Carl Schwartz-King, *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;**

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**the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**

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## **\*BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Allen

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.

# — — ANNOUNCEMENTS — —

## Sunday, October 27

- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15am: Young-ish Adults
- 3:30pm: Youth Group
- 3:30pm: Trunk-or-Treat

## Monday, October 28

- 6:30pm: Choir Practice

## 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

## Sunday, November 3

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

## Monday, November 4

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

## Tuesday, November 5

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

## Thursday, October 31

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