

November 3, 2024

10:00 AM

United Christian Church of Austin

-- GATHERING --

PRELUDE

Nick Jimenez, *Accompanist*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

(See page 12 for printed announcements.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hazel Dishman, *Liturgist*

One: For all who paved the paths we walk, we give thanks, O Lord.

All: For those who taught us about the power of love, we give thanks.

One: For those who taught us what it means to serve in love.

All: For all the saints – those who rest from their labors, and those who labor still – we give thanks.

One: Praise be to God, who inspires and guides workers and witnesses.

All: Open our hearts and spirits, as we remember and thank all who have served you and shaped us.

***OPENING HYMN**

“For All the Saints”

Chalice Hymnal #637

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia, alleluia!

**2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might:
their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**3 O blest communion, company divine!
We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**4 And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia!**

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Hazel Dishman, *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. Let us say together our prayer of confession.

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

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open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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 — —

OUTREACH COLLECTION

“Come, Be Glad!”
Chalice Hymnal #329

1 Come, be glad! Sing and praise!

See what God has done!

Formed the earth, spread the seas,

set in place the mountains;

radiant sun, shining stars,

rivers, plains and fountains.

2 Come, my soul lift your eyes!

See what God has done!

Led the slaves through the sea

to a promised blessing;

faithful love, day and night

guarding and protecting.

**3 Come, rejoice! Praise God's name!
See what God has done!
When full time came to be
Christ appeared redeeming;
prophets, priests, martyrs, saints,
Jesus' name confessing.**

**4 Come, with joy! Fill your hearts!
See what God has done!
Holy Flame, Spirit, Fire,
burns in each believer
bringing life, love and joy,
binding all together.**

**5 Come, give thanks! Sing God's praise!
See what God has done!
Sends us out to obey
"Go and make disciples."
Christ alive! Christ alone reigns
in glory always.**

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TIME FOR CHILDREN

Emily Jamison Guerrero
Director of Children's Ministries

CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG

"Peace, My Friends"

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PEACE, MY FRIENDS

Ray Repp

Refrain

Peace I leave with you, my friends. Sha-lom, my peace in
all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends.
I give to you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-44

Hazel Dishman, *Liturgist*

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all

right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he

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loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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

All: Amen.

SERMON

"Martha's Confession"

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

READING OF THE NAMES

At this time, the names of those who we loved who have died will be shared. Let us remember them as we read their names aloud. At the end, there will be a time for names to be shared by the congregation.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

Chalice Hymnal #476

**1 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.**

2 Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

3 Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own;
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

4 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self giving, Lord, leads us to you.

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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**

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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*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

TABLE BLESSING

Linda Laurence, *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.

*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;**

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**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.

— — ANNOUNCEMENTS — —

Sunday, November 3

- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service
- **11:15am:** Town Hall on the Roster of Council Officers and Updated Bylaws
- **5:30pm:** Sunday Evening Small Group at Church
- **5:30pm:** Youth Group

Monday, November 4

- **6:30pm:** Choir Practice
- **7pm:** 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, November 7

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

Saturday, November 9

- **9am:** Youth Group - Thanksgiving Food Packing for Bethany Food Pantry

Sunday, November 10

- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service
- **11:15am:** Town Hall on the Proposed Budget

Monday, November 11

- **6:30pm:** Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 12

- **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, November 13

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

Thursday, November 14

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

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