

November 17, 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**

Chris McCubbin, *Liturgist*

One: Let our hearts rejoice in the God of hope and faithfulness.

All: **Our strength is in the maker of heaven and earth.**

One: Our foundation is the cornerstone that never fails.

All: **The rock of ages is a foundation like no other.**

One: Hope arises, as the tools of war are broken and the weak are given strength.

All: **Hope lives when the hungry are fed and the poor are lifted up.**

One: God comes bringing new life to the ends of the earth, calling us to hope and faithfulness.

All: **Come, rock of ages, come quickly now!**

***OPENING HYMN**

“What Is This Place”

Chalice Hymnal #289, vv. 1, 3

1 What is this place where we are meeting?

**Only a house, the earth its floor,
Walls and a roof sheltering people,
Windows for light, an open door.**

**Yet it becomes a body that lives
When we are gathered here,
And know our God is near.**

**3 And we accept bread at his table,
Broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living,
We are each other's bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive
What we need to increase:
Our justice and God's peace.**

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Chris McCubbin, *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.

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. We seek courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; 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.

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

Bolded text indicates spoken or sung by the congregation.

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"

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.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 5:1–20

Chris McCubbin, *Liturgist*

They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs, and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain, for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces, and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him, and he shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” For he had said to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the region. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding, and the unclean spirits begged him, “Send us into the swine; let us enter them.” So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, stampeded down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea.

The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the man possessed by demons sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion, and they became frightened. Those who had seen what had happened to the man possessed by demons and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused and said to him, “Go home to your own people, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and what mercy he has shown you.” And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone was amazed.

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

SERMON

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Community of Christ”

Chalice Hymnal #655

**1 Community of Christ,
who makes the cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.**

**2 Community of Christ,
look past the church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbor's feet.**

**3 Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound --
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war**

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and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish
into joy.

4 When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its sun;
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
for evermore.

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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.

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

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TABLE BLESSING

Lisa Deane, *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 “Be Thou My Vision” *UCC Bell Choir*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

— — WE GO OUT TO SERVE — —

***SENDING HYMN** “O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life”
Chalice Hymnal #432

**1 O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life,
Be with us now, we pray;
Direct our steps as we go forth
To do your will this day.**

**2 O faithful Guide, renew our trust
In love that does not fail;
And give us strength to work and pray,
That peace may soon prevail.**

Words: James L. Merrill, 1991.
Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836.
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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, November 17

- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15am: Congregational Meeting to vote on Slate of Council Officers, Updated By-laws, and Proposed 2025 Budget
- 5:30pm: Sunday Evening Small Group at Church

Monday, November 18

- 6:30pm: Finance/Executive Committee Meeting
- 6:30pm: Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 19

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

Wednesday, November 20

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

Thursday, November 21

- 6:30pm: Handbell Practice

Friday, November 22

- 7pm: Friday Game Night

Sunday, November 24

- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15am: Advent Crafting: Everyone is invited to gather for holiday arts and crafts in the Fellowship Hall.
- 11:15am: Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent

Monday, November 25

- 6:30pm: Choir Practice

— — ANNOUNCEMENTS — —

Tuesday, November 26

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

Thursday, November 28 – *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 29

Church Office Closed

Congregational Meeting

Please join us for a congregational meeting **today, November 17th**, immediately following the worship service in the sanctuary. The members of the congregation will be voting on the slate of Council members for next year, updated by-laws, and the proposed 2025 budget.

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