

September 15, 2024

10:00 AM

United Christian Church of Austin

-- GATHERING --

PRELUDE

Nick Jimenez, *Accompanist*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Janet Maykus

(See page 10 for printed announcements.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ann Hayden, *Liturgist*

One: The heavens shout of God's glory!

All: **There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!**

One: Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.

All: **Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.**

One: Come, let us praise the God of creation.

All: **Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God.**

***OPENING HYMN**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

NCH #347

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy;
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! *Refrain*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Ann Hayden, *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.

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; 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

Pastor Janet Maykus

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 Into God’s Presence”

1 Come into God’s presence, singing,
‘Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.’

Come into God’s presence, singing,
‘Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.’

2 Worshiping together, singing,
‘Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.’

3 Welcoming each other, singing,
‘Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.’

4 Welcoming the stranger, singing,
‘Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.’

5 Share the love of Jesus, singing,
‘Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.’

6 Helping all our neighbors, singing,
‘Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.’

5 Share the love of Jesus, singing,
‘Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.’

6 We will work together, singing,
‘Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.’

7 Spread the love of Jesus, singing,
'Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.'

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TIME FOR CHILDREN

Emily Jamison Guerrero
Director of Children's Ministries

CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG

**"Seek Justice, Love Kindness -
A Sending Out Song"**

(to the tune of "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")

Seek justice. Love kindness. Live humbly and know
That God will be with you wherever you go.
Whatever your troubles, whatever your fear,
God's love will surround you and gather you near.

Seek justice. Love kindness. Live humbly. Rejoice.
The world needs your wisdom, your passion, your voice
So go make a difference in all that you do.
God's endless compassion will carry you through.

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Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh hymn melody, in J. Robert's *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22: 14-20
Ann Hayden, *Liturgist*

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the

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kingdom of God.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

One: May we be granted wisdom and courage for interpretation

All: Amen.

SERMON "Overlooked Miracles" Meghan Hatcher

HYMN OF RESPONSE “There’s a Wideness In God’s Mercy”
NCH #23

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
 like the wideness of the sea;
 there's a kindness in God's justice,
 which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earthly sorrows
 are more felt than in God's heaven;
there's no place where earthly failings
 have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader
 than the measures of our minds;
 and the heart of the Eternal
 is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
 we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives would show thanksgiving

for the goodness of our God.

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-- PRAYER TIME --

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Janet Maykus

As petitions conclude, each will end with:

One: O Lord,

All: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father/Creator who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom/kin-dom 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/kin-dom, 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.*

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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

Meghan Hatcher

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Meghan Hatcher

TABLE BLESSING

Clark Thompson, *Deacon*

CALL TO THE TABLE

Meghan Hatcher

*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**

Meghan Hatcher

-- WE GO OUT TO SERVE --

***SENDING HYMN**

““Love's Wide Embrace”

1 We have been called.

We have been called to celebrate
Our home here in love's wide embrace.

To bear in mind.

To bear in mind all that we share;
To join the song of love's good ways.

Halleluya, we have been called
to join the song of love's good ways.

2 We have been held.

We have been held in tender care
As we lay wounded by the road.

Receiving grace.

Receiving healing at the hands
Of strangers with the face of God.

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Halleluya, we have been healed
by strangers with the face of God.

3 We have been sent.
We have been sent and gladly go
to stand where borders must be crossed.
To challenge powers,
To challenge powers, to welcome all,
Embracing love's full joys and costs.
Halleluya, we have been sent
embracing love's full joys and costs.

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***BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Meghan Hatcher

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

POSTLUDE

Welcoming a New Member p. 341 Chalice (the red) Hymnal

**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, September 15th

- 10:00am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15 am: UCC 101 Adult Discussion Group
- 11:15 am. Youth Group

Monday, September 16th

- 6:30pm: Finance/Exec Meeting

Tuesday, September 17th

- 8:00am: Breakfast Fellowship
- 1:00pm: Tuesday Book Group

Thursday, September 19th

- 6:30pm: Handbell Practice

Sunday, September 22nd

- 10:00am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15 am: Youngish Adult Group
- 5:30pm: Youth Group Olympics

Tuesday, September 24th

- 8:00am: Breakfast Fellowship
- 1:00pm: Tuesday Book Group

Wednesday, September 25th

- 6:30pm: Wednesday Evening Book Group

Thursday, September 26th

- 6:30pm: Handbell Practice

Friday, September 27th

- 7:00pm: Game Night

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Small groups are returning the last week of September!

We will have three small groups of 8-15 members each, meeting twice a month throughout the fall:

Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:30pm at the church building

Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8pm at the Myricks' home

Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11am at the Hearn's home

The Thursday evening small group will be on hiatus this fall.

This Sunday and next, sign-up sheets with more information will be available in the fellowship area after worship for the Sunday and Wednesday groups, which are accepting new members. There will also be a sign-up sheet to fill out if you're interested in starting a new small group.

Join us in a small group for this fun time of friendship and fellowship!
Contact Jan Austin-Scott, Education Team Lead, at education@uccaustin.org, if you have questions.