

**September 22, 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**

Cody Dishman, *Liturgist*

One: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Divine.

All: God's ways are just and merciful.

One: Those who follow God's ways are nourished in faith.

All: In all that they do, they prosper.

One: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

All: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice.

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"**

**The New Century Hymnal #393**

**1 Blessed be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the sharing of a common life  
is like to that above.**

**2 Before our God we come  
and pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,**

our comforts and our cares.

**3 We share each other's woes,  
Each other's burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows  
a sympathizing tear.**

**4 When we are called to part  
it gives us inward pain,  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.**

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*The New Century Hymnal*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Cody 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.

**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**

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*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 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.

New hymns: [queersacredmusic.com](http://queersacredmusic.com) Permission is given for free use of this hymn.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 42-47  
Cody Dishman, *Liturgist*

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

One: May we be granted wisdom and courage for interpretation

All: Amen.

## **SERMON**

## **"Spirit Sharing"**

Pastor Janet Maykus

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**"What Gift Can We Bring?"**  
**The New Century Hymnal #470**

**1 What gift can we bring, what present, what token?**

**What words can convey it, the joy of this day?**

**When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,**

**what song can we offer in honor and praise?**

**2 Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,**

**who planted and watered so dreams could come**

**true.**

**Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,**

**for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.**

**3 Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,**

**for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,**

**The Word is our promise always, forever;**

**we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.**

**4 This gift we now bring, this present, this token,  
these words can't convey it, the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
this song we now offer in honor and praise!**

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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**

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*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.

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## **-- COMMUNION --**

### **INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

Pastor Janet Maykus

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor Janet Maykus

### **TABLE BLESSING**

Meredith Quick, *Deacon*

### **CALL TO THE TABLE**

Pastor Janet Maykus

*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**

Pastor Janet Maykus

# **-- 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.

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

Pastor Janet Maykus

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

## **POSTLUDE**

# -- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

## Sunday, September 22nd

- 10:00am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15 am: Youngish Adult Group
- 5:30pm. Youth Group Olympics
- 5:30pm: Sunday Evening Small Group at the church building

## Monday, September 23rd

- 6:30pm: Choir Practice

## Tuesday, September 24th

- 8:00am: Breakfast Fellowship
- 1:00pm: Tuesday Book Group
- 6:30pm: Tuesday Evening Small Group at the Myricks' home

## Wednesday, September 25th

- 9:30am: Wednesday Morning Small Group at the Hearn's home
- 6:30pm: Wednesday Evening Book Group

## Thursday, September 26th

- 6:30pm: Handbell Practice

## Friday, September 27th

- 7:00pm: Friday Game Night

## Saturday, September 28th

7:30am: Pollinator Posse

## Sunday, September 29th

- 10:00am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15 am: Period Party
- 11:15am: Youth Group

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# -- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

## Monday, September 30th

6:30pm: Choir Practice

## Tuesday, October 1st

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

## Thursday, October 3rd

- 6:30pm: Handbell Practice

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### **Small groups begin meeting the week of September 22nd!**

We 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.

Sunday, September 22, sign-up sheets with more information will again 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](mailto:education@uccaustin.org), if you have questions.