

**September 22, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

United Christian Church of Austin

## **-- GATHERING --**

**PRELUDE**

**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

UCC Orchestra

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Janet Maykus

*(See page 10 for printed announcements.)*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Julie Stiles, *Liturgist*

One: O Lord, you are our Shepherd.

**All: We shall not want for what we need.**

One: You make us to lie down in green pastures;

**All: You lead us beside still waters.**

One: You restore our souls.

**All: You lead us in paths of righteousness.**

One: Even though we walk through the darkest valleys,

**All: We fear no evil because you are with us.**

One: Your rod and staff comfort us.

**All: You prepare a table before us.**

One: You anoint us with oil; our cup overflows.

**All: Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,  
and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.** One: Let us worship  
the Holy One, our Shepherd.

**All: Amen**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**“How Great Thou Art”**

Chalice Hymnal #33, vv 1, 2 and 4

*with UCC Orchestra*

**1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**Refrain:**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:[Refrain]**

**4 When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!:[Refrain]**

Words and Music: O STORE GUD, Stuart K. Hine, 1953, based on a Swedish folk melody and a poem by Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885. © 1954, renewed 1981 Manna Music Inc.  
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## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Julie Stiles, *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;**

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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**

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.*

One: Peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## **-- THE WORD --**

### **OUTREACH COLLECTION**

**"Jesus Loves Me"**  
Chalice Hymnal #113  
*with UCC Orchestra*

**1 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.**

**Refrain:**

**Yes! Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.**

**2 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on the knee,**

saying, "Let them come to me." (Refrain)

**3 Jesus loves me! still today,  
walking with me on the way,  
wanting as a friend to give  
light and love to all who live. (Refrain)**

Words: St. 1, Anna B. Warner, 1860; st. 2, 3, David R. McGuire, c. 1970. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1862. © 1995  
*Chalice Hymnal*

## **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Emily Jamison Guerrero  
*Director of Children's Ministries*

## **CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG**

**"Go Now In Peace"**  
Chalice Hymnal #437  
*with UCC Percussion*

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
may the love of God surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

Words and Music: Natalie Sleeth, 1976, © 1976 Hinshaw Music, Inc. ©1995 *Chalice Hymnal*

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 15: 5-17**  
*, Liturgist*

I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my

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love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

**SERMON**      “Bearing Fruit as Friends on the Vine”

Pastor Janet Maykus

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**      “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”  
Chalice Hymnal #101, vv1-3  
*with UCC Orchestra*

**1 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,  
thou fount of life, thou light of light,  
greater than pleasure earth imparts,  
thy love is true and pure delight.**

**2 Thy gracious word hath ever stood:  
thou savest those that on thee call;  
to them that seek thee thou art good,  
to them that find thee, all in all.**

**3 We taste thee, O thou living bread,**

and long to feast upon thee still;  
we drink of thee, the fountainhead,  
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Words: Latin (12th century); tr. Ray Palmer, 1858, alt. Music: Henry Baker, 1854. © 1995 *Chalice Hymnal*

## -- 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

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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.*

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*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**

Pastor Janet Maykus

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor Janet Maykus

### **TABLE BLESSING**

Linda Laurence, *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.*

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

**“Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”**

UCC Orchestra and Choir

## **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor Janet Maykus

# **-- WE GO OUT TO SERVE --**

## **\*SENDING HYMN**

**“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”**

Chalice Hymnal #446

*with UCC Orchestra*

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

Words: Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV); Music: BENEDICTION, Peter C. Lutkin (1900)

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## **\*BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Pastor Janet Maykus

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 29th

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

## Monday, September 30th

- 6:30pm: Choir Practice

## Tuesday, October 1st

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

## Wednesday, October 2nd

- 9:30am: Wednesday Morning Small Group at the Hearn's' home
- 6:00pm: "Bad Faith" Discussion Group

## Thursday, October 3rd

- 6:30pm: Handbell Practice

## Saturday, October 5th

- 7:00pm: Fall Youth Group

## Sunday, October 6th

- 10:00am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15 am: Adult Discussion Group
- 11:15am: Staff Planning Meeting
- 5:00pm: "Bad Faith" Discussion Group

## Monday, October 7th

6:30pm: Choir Practice

7:00pm: Caring Elders Team Meeting

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# -- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

## Tuesday, October 8th

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

## Thursday, October 10th

- 6:30pm: Handbell Practice

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### **Period Party!**

It's time to Party! This Sunday after church, join us to pack over 9000 products into period packs for Hope Clinic, Casa Marianella, Sunshine Homeless Navigation Center, Leander and Round Rock ISD schools, and our own Little Free Pantry. All ages are welcome to join the fun!

### **Bring a dinner for the Youth!**

Please feed our youth!

Our congregation has a wonderful group of 15-18 youth and adults gathering for youth group on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm. We begin with dinner at 5:30 each evening in the fellowship hall. Please consider bringing a meal (homemade or not!) to youth group. We'd love to invite the meal provider to eat with the group so we can get to know you better. Please contact Mark Simoneau at [mark@thesimoneaus.com](mailto:mark@thesimoneaus.com) for more information.