

January 19, 2025

10:00AM

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**

Sue Lucas, *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**

“Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”

New Century Hymnal #307, vv. 1-3

**1 Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
One whose word cannot be broken
formed you for a blessed abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?**

With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal Love,
Well supply your sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage:
Grace which, like our God, the Giver,
never fails from age to age?

3 'Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them when they pray.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Sue Lucas, *Liturgist*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source for our healing.

Forgive us, and empower us to be the imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

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

Bolded text indicates spoken or sung by the congregation.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

*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!”

NCH #327

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

3 Jesus loves me! Still today,
walking with me on my 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.
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TIME FOR CHILDREN

Emily Jamison Guerrero
Director of Children's Ministries

CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG

Shalom, Chaverim!
Farewell, Good Friends

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Israeli round

Sha - lom, cha - ve-rim! Sha - lom, cha - ve-rot! Sha - lom, sha - lom!
Fare - well, good friends, Fare - well, good friends, Sha - lom, sha - lom!

Le - hit - ra - ot, le - hit - ra - ot, Sha - lom, sha - lom.
Till we meet a - gain, till we meet a - gain, Sha - lom, sha - lom.

*May be sung as a canon.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Sue Lucas, *Liturgist*

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Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

All: Amen.

SERMON “The Mind of Martin Luther”

Reverend Dr. Alfred M. Walker
*Community Regional Minister for Reconciliation and Anti-Racism
for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest*

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

NCH #331

**1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;**

Such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as conquers death.

2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes a guest.

3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

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— — PRAYER TIME — —

PASTORAL PRAYER

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

As petitions conclude, each will end with:

One: O God,

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, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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— — OFFERTORY — —

INVITATION TO GIVING

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

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

Carol Barrett, *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

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World)”

NCH #160, vv. 1, 2, 4

**1 Hark, the herald angels sing,
Jesus, the light of the world;
Glory to the Christ-child bring,
Jesus, the light of the world.**

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Refrain:

**We will follow the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.**

**2 Joyful, all you saints arise,
Jesus, the light of the world;
Join the triumph of the skies,
Jesus, the light of the world. (Refrain)**

**4 Hail the Bearer of God's peace!
Jesus, the light of the world;
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Jesus, the light of the world. (Refrain)**

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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, January 19

- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15am: Adult Discussion Class
- 5:30pm: Youth Group

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

Church Office Closed

- 6:30pm: UCC Chancel Choir Practice

Tuesday, January 21

- 8am: Breakfast Fellowship at Jim's on 183
- 1pm: Tuesday Book Group (*Zoom link in Friday newsletter*)
- 6:30pm: Finance Committee Meeting
- 7pm: Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 22

- 9:30-11am: Wednesday Morning Small Group at the Hearn's' home
- 6:30pm: Wednesday Evening Book Club (*Zoom link in Friday newsletter*)

Friday, January 24

- 7pm: Friday Game Night

Sunday, January 26

- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15am: Social Justice Committee Meeting
- 6:30-8:30pm: Youth Group (*note later times*)

Monday, January 27

- 6:30pm: UCC Chancel Choir Practice

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Tuesday, January 28

- **8am:** Breakfast Fellowship at Jim's on 183
- **1pm:** Tuesday Book Group (*Zoom link in Friday newsletter*)
- **6:30-8pm:** Tuesday Evening Small Group at the Myricks' home

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