

January 26, 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**

Caitlin Oliver, *Liturgist*

One: We praise you, God, for the diversity of your body.

All: **By God's Spirit, we are one.**

One: From diverse backgrounds and diverse places,

All: **by God's Spirit, we are one.**

One: From diverse cultures and diverse generations,

All: **by God's Spirit, we are one.**

One: From diverse questions and diverse dreams,

All: **by God's Spirit, we are one.**

One: We celebrate our diversity. We celebrate our unity.

All: **By God's Spirit, we are one. Hallelujah!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"We Praise You, O God"**  
The New Century Hymnal #420

**1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers;  
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.**

When perils o'ertake us, you never will forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, in life's struggles we win.

**3** With voices united our praises we offer,  
and gladly our song of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Words: Julia C. Cory, 1902; alt.

Music: KREMSEER, Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenkclanck*, 1626.

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Caitlin Oliver, *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.**

## 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.

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# -- 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.*

$\text{♩} = 100-108$

Words: Traditional Hebrew blessing; tr. Roger N. Deschner, 1982. Tr. © 1982, The United Methodist Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used with permission.  
Music: Israeli melody. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

## SCRIPTURE READING

## 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Caitlin Oliver, *Liturgist*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not

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make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work power deeds? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

All: Amen.

## **SERMON**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**“Many Are the Lightbeams”**

NCH #163

**1 Many are the lightbeams from the one light.  
Our one light is Jesus.**

**Many are the lightbeams from the one light;  
we are one in Christ.**

**2 Many are the branches of the one tree.  
Our one tree is Jesus.  
Many are the branches of the one tree;  
we are one in Christ.**

**3 Many are the gifts given, love is all one.  
Love's the gift of Jesus.  
Many are the gifts given, love is all one;  
we are one in Christ.**

**4 Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one;  
servant spirit of Jesus.  
Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one;  
we are one in Christ.**

**5 Many are the members, the body is one;  
members all of Jesus.  
Many are the members, the body is one;  
we are one in Christ.**

Words: Cyprian of Carthage (252 C.E.), paraphrased into Swedish by Anders Frostenson, translated to English by David Lewis, 1983.

Music: LIGHTBEAMS, Olle Widestrand, arr by Darryl Nixon, 1987, © 1974 Olle Widestrand

## **-- PRAYER TIME --**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

*As petitions conclude, each will end with:*

**One:** O God,

**All:** **hear our prayer.**

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## 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.

## — — 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](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** Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

**TABLE BLESSING** Sue Lucas, *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

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

**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 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

## 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

## Thursday, January 30

- 6:30pm: Handbell Choir

## Sunday, February 2

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

## Monday, February 3

- 6:30pm: UCC Chancel Choir Practice
- 7pm: Caring Elders Team Meeting

## Tuesday, February 4

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

## Wednesday, February 5

- 9:30-11am: Wednesday Morning Small Group at the Hearn's' home

## Thursday, February 6

- 6:30pm: Handbell Choir

### Deconstructing Karen

Join us for a special screening of *Deconstructing Karen*, a powerful documentary that explores the realities and harms of racism and privilege in our society. Together we'll reflect on these important topics and discuss how we can be agents of justice and healing in our community. A guided discussion will follow the screening. To purchase tickets or make a donation, please visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1003049025637?aff=oddtcreator>

**When:** Thursday, February 6

**Time:** 6-9pm

**Where:** AFS (Austin Film Society) Cinema

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