

**February 16, 2025**

**10:00AM**

United Christian Church of Austin

**-- GATHERING --**

**PRELUDE**

Nick Jimenez, *Accompanist*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

*(See pages 8-9 for printed announcements.)*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Emily Jamison Guerrero

One: Welcome to this special place

**ALL: Where we can listen to God's stories.**

One: Let's gather together in this quiet space

**ALL: To listen and wonder.**

One: We begin by lighting our Christ Candle. We light this candle to remind us that

**ALL: Jesus is the light of the world.**

One: We light this candle to remind us that God is with us

**ALL: In all places and all times.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"Be Still and Know"**

verse 1

**Be still and know that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God.**

Words and Music anon.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Youth

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all creation, when I do not tell you when I've done something wrong, it's as if I have a heavy weight on my shoulders, and my energy for life dries up. I know you will hold nothing against me when I am honest with you. Today I tell you that I know I have made mistakes, some big, some small, but I believe that you will provide a safe and beautiful place for me, and forgive me of all my mistakes.

## 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 — —

## CHILDREN'S GATHERING SONG "This Little Light of Mine"

*During the song, all children are invited to join Emily on the chancel.*

**1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**2 All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine...**

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**Bolded text** indicates spoken or sung by the congregation.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine...

4 When it's dark outside, I'm gonna let it shine...

5 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

6 Even when I'm sad, I'm gonna let it shine...

7 Jesus loves me so, I'm gonna let it shine...

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## TIME FOR CHILDREN

Emily Jamison Guerrero  
*Director of Children's Ministries*

**GATHERING FOR THE STORY** Parable of the Good Samaritan

**WONDERING TOGETHER** *(All are invited to participate)*

**RESPONSE TIME** *(All are invited to participate)*

**CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG** "Siyahamba"  
Chalice Hymnal #442

*During the song, all may return to their seats.*

Siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'. (repeat)  
Siyahamb', siyahamb', oh,  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'. (repeat)

We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God. (repeat)  
We are marching, we are marching, ooh,  
We are marching in the light of God. (repeat)

**Caminando en la luz de Dios,  
Caminando en la luz de Dios. (repeat)  
Caminando, vamos caminando,  
Caminando en la luz de Dios. (repeat)**

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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 who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom 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*

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## 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](http://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 FEAST**      Emily Jamison Guerrero  
*Children are invited to come sit on the chancel.*

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

**TABLE BLESSING**      Diane Baker, *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**

**“Go in Peace”**

**Go in peace, go in love.  
Until next time  
My love will go with you.**

**God of peace, God of love.  
Until next time  
God will be with you.**

**Go in peace, go in love.  
Until next time  
My love will go with you – my love goes with you.**

**God of peace, God of love.  
Until next time  
God will be with you.  
God will be with you.**

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## **\*BENEDICTION**

Emily Jamison Guerrero

## **\*CHANGING THE LIGHT**

Youth

## **\*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.

# -- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

## Sunday, February 16

- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service
- **11:15am:** Adult Discussion Class
- **12:30pm:** Property and Building Walk-through: Calling all volunteers to join in planning and implementing the many tasks that keep our property and building in good shape. Contact: Melissa Vasquez.
- **4pm:** Confirmation Class
- **5:30pm:** Youth Group
- **5:30pm:** Sunday Evening Small Group at the church building

## Monday, February 17

- **6:30pm:** UCC Chancel Choir Practice

## Tuesday, February 18

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

## Wednesday, February 19

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

## Thursday, February 20

- **6:30pm:** Handbell Choir

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# -- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

## Sunday, February 23

- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15am: Worship Committee - Discussion for Lenten Decorating
- 4pm: Confirmation Class
- 5:30pm: Youth Group

## Monday, February 24

- 6:30pm: UCC Chancel Choir Practice

## Tuesday, February 25

- 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

## Wednesday, February 26

- 6:30pm: Wednesday Evening Book Group (*Zoom link in Friday newsletter*)

## Thursday, February 27

- 6:30pm: Handbell Choir

## Friday, February 28

- 7pm: Friday Game Night