

**March 2, 2025**

**10:00AM**

United Christian Church of Austin

**-- GATHERING --**

**PRELUDE**

Mitch Stevens, *Guest Accompanist*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

*(See pages 10-11 for printed announcements.)*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lavender Tomlinson, *Liturgist*

One: We are brought here today to glimpse the hope that Christ has for us.

All: **Open our hearts to receive that hope.**

One: We are brought here today to be healed of our fears.

All: **Heal us, Lord Jesus, with your love and power.**

One: Let us receive the vision, strength and healing love of the Holy One.

All: **Praise be to the Bearer of Mercy who continues to bless, empower and restore us.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"Be Now My Vision"**

NCH #451, vv. 1, 2, 3

**1 Be now my vision, O God of my heart;  
Nothing surpasses the love you impart –  
You my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.**

**2 Be now my wisdom and be my true word;  
Ever within me, my soul is assured;  
Mother and Father, you are both to me,  
Now and forever your child I will be.**

**3 Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,  
You, my inheritance, now and always;  
You and you only are first in my heart,  
Great God, my treasure, may we never part.**

Words: Ancient Irish text, c. 8th-century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905, and versified by Eleanor H. Hull 1912, adapt.  
Music: SLANE Traditional Irish melody, Harm. David Evans, 1927 ©1995 *The New Century Hymnal*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Lavender Tomlinson, *Liturgist*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions.

Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

## “This Little Light of Mine”

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...

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...

Words and Music: African-American spiritual. Public Domain.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

Emily Jamison Guerrero  
*Director of Children's Ministries*

## CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG

## “Siyahamba/We Are Marching”

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

Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',  
Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkos'. (repeat)

**Siyahamba, siyahamba, oh,  
Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkos'. (repeat)**

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**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 9:28-36**

Lavender Tomlinson, *Liturgist*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

**All: Amen.**

**SERMON**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

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## HYMN OF RESPONSE

**“Holy Ground”**  
Chalice Hymnal #112

**1 We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now,  
We are standing in his presence on holy ground. (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/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*

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## TABLE BLESSING

Charlie Jamison, *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.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC      “Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit!”

*UCC Chancel Choir*

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Janet Maykus, Pastor*

# — — WE GO OUT TO SERVE — —

## \*SENDING HYMN

“O God of Every Nation”

*Chalice Hymnal #680*

**1 O God of every nation, of every race and land,  
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;  
where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,  
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.**

**2 From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,  
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,  
from pride of race and station that lures us from your way,  
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.**

**3 Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,  
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,  
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,  
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.**

Words: William W. Reid, Jr., 1958, alt. Music: NYLAND, Finnish folk melody; adaptation & harmony, David Evans, 1927. ©1995 *Chalice Hymnal*

## **\*BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

One: As our Sunday worship ends,

All: **Let our service begin!**

## **POSTLUDE**

Mitch Stevens, *Guest Accompanist*

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## 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, March 2

- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 11:15am: Adult Discussion Class
- 11:15am: Worship Committee - Lenten Decorating
- 2pm: Youth Group & Confirmation Class - Crop Walk
- 5:30pm: Sunday Evening Small Group at the church building

## Monday, March 3

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

## Tuesday, March 4

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

## Wednesday, March 5

- 9:30-11am: Wednesday Morning Small Group at the Bakers' home
- 6:30pm: Ash Wednesday Worship Service

## Thursday, March 6

- 6:30pm: Handbell Choir

## Saturday, March 8

- 8am-2pm: UCC Property Work Day (food and music provided!)

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# -- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

## Sunday, March 9

- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service
- 4pm: Confirmation Class
- 5:30pm: Youth Group

## Monday, March 10

- 6:30pm: UCC Chancel Choir Practice

## Tuesday, March 11

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

## Wednesday, March 12

- 6:30pm: First Meeting of the Lenten Discussion Group

## Thursday, March 13

- 6:30pm: Handbell Choir

## Friday, March 14

- 9:30am: Not Ready for Prime Time Book Group (*Zoom link in Friday newsletter*)