

**April 13, 2025**

**10:00 am**

Palm Sunday

United Christian Church of Austin

## **– GATHERING –**

### **PRELUDE**

Mitch Stevens, *Accompanist*

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

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

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Walt Case, *Liturgist*

One: Give thanks to the Holy One, for God is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

One: Let all who fear the Lord say,

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

One: The Creator has answered our prayers and become our Way,  
our Light.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna, hosanna!  
Let us worship God!**

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

**"All Glory, Laud and Honor"**

The New Century Hymnal #216

**1 All glory, laud and honour to you, O Christ, we sing,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.**

**2 O Promised One of Israel, of David's royal line,  
The one called "God's beloved," of flesh and yet divine,  
To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**3 As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,  
Whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.  
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## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Walt Case, *Liturgist*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

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## **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

## “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

The New Century Hymnal #213

1 "Hosanna, loud hosanna,"  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the lovely anthem rang;  
To Jesus, who had blessed them  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed  
amid a cheering crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud.  
The one whom angels worship  
rode on in lowly state,  
and glad to see the children,  
slowed down the donkey's gait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song is ours.  
We hail our great Redeemer  
and sing with all our powers:  
"Hosanna, Christ, we praise you  
with heart and life and voice.  
Hosanna! In your presence  
forever we'll rejoice!"

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## TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Sarah Allen  
Youth Director

## CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG

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The New Century Hymnal #213, v. 3

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## SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 19:28-44**  
Walt Case, *Liturgist*

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They said, "The Lord needs it."

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Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

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

All: Amen.

## **SERMON**

## **"Messiah for All the Earth"**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

## “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

Chalice Hymnal #191, vv. 1, 2, 4

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
As all the crowds hosanna cry;  
through waving branches slowly ride,  
O Savior, to be crucified.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, your triumph now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Your last and fiercest foe defy;  
bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, your power and reign.

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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

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

**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**

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evil. For yours is the kingdom/kin-dom, 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 webpages.*

*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. © 1995 Chalice Hymnal

## – 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 and add a ribbon to the altar wire framework.*

*Come now, for the table is ready.*

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

# – WE GO OUT TO SERVE –

## \*SENDING HYMN

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## **\*BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

One: As our Sunday worship ends,  
All: Let our service begin!

## **POSTLUDE**

Mitch Stevens, *Accompanist*

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## **Welcoming a New Member** (*optional*)

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, April 13: Palm Sunday

- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service
- **4pm:** Confirmation Class
- **5:30pm:** Youth Group
- **5:30pm:** Parent Meeting for Youth Mission Trip
- **5:30pm:** Sunday Evening Small Group at the church building

## Monday, April 14

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

## Tuesday, April 15

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

## Wednesday, April 16

- **9:30am:** Wednesday Morning Small Group at the Bakers' home

## Thursday, April 17

- **5:30-7:30pm:** Maundy Thursday Intergenerational Event with Stations of the Cross, Mediterranean Potluck
- **6:30pm:** Handbell Choir

## Friday, April 18

- **7pm:** Good Friday Service

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# — ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)* —

## Sunday, April 20: Easter

- **7am:** Easter Sunrise Service in outdoor sanctuary, backyard
- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service, including confirmation and baptisms
- **After worship:** Easter Potluck Brunch
- **After worship:** Easter Egg Hunt, backyard

## Monday, April 21

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

## Tuesday, April 22

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

## Wednesday, April 23

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

## Friday, April 25

- **7-9pm:** Friday Game Night

## Saturday, April 26

- **8am-2pm:** Property Workday