

April 27, 2025

10:00 am

Second Sunday of Easter

United Christian Church of Austin

– GATHERING –

PRELUDE

Mitch Stevens, Accompanist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet Maykus, Pastor

(See pages 11-12 for printed announcements.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Caitlin Oliver, Liturgist

One: We come to worship the risen Christ:

All: who brings peace into our fear;

One: who brings hope into our despair;

All: who brings love into our world; Alleluia! Christ is risen!

One: The Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

All: Be glad and rejoice! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***OPENING HYMN**

“Morning Has Broken”

Chalice Hymnal #53

Morning has broken like the first morning,

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing!

Praise for the morning!

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,

Like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness

Of the wet garden,

Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise ev'ry morning,
God's re-creation of the new day.**

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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic melody, arr. David Grotenhuis, 1985. © 1995 Chalice Hymnal

CALL TO CONFESSION

Caitlin Oliver, *Liturgist*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: When we admit the places where we are broken and ask for repair, we join in the act of reconciliation, and hope for new life.

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*

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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

“Halle, Halle, Halle”

Today, any cash collected will be donated to Foundation Communities in the form of items we'll purchase for Welcome Home Baskets that we'll assemble in May. Any food or other goods will go to the Bethany Food Pantry.

Thank you.

Refrain:

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Glory rolled away the stone! Halle, hallelujah!

Glory! His death has flown! Halle, hallelujah!

Glory! For Jesus lives again!

Hallelujah, hallelujah! [Refrain]

Glory to our God we sing! Halle, hallelujah!

Glory our song takes wing! Halle, hallelujah!

Glory, to Christ our love we bring!

Hallelujah, hallelujah! [Refrain]

Glory to God on high! Halle, hallelujah!
Glory from far and wide! Halle, hallelujah!
Glory and peace on earth abide!
Hallelujah, hallelujah! [Refrain]

Glory creator praise! Halle, hallelujah!
Glory and thanks we raise! Halle, hallelujah!
Glory and blessing all our days!
Hallelujah, hallelujah! [Refrain]

Glory, O Holy Lord! Halle, hallelujah!
Glory, O Christ Adored! Halle, hallelujah!
Glory, O Spirit, now outpoured!
Hallelujah, hallelujah! [Refrain]

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TIME FOR CHILDREN

Emily Jamison Guerrero
Director of Children's Ministries

CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG

"Halle, Halle, Halle"
Refrain only

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

Caitlin Oliver, *Liturgist*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

All: Amen.

SERMON

“Right After Easter”

Carl Schwartz-King, *Pastor*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Chalice Hymnal #61

Refrain:

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
in love God made them all.**

**1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings.**

**2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky.**

**3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one.**

Words: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848. Music: ROYAL OAK, English melody (17th century),
adapted by Martin Shaw. © 1995 *Chalice Hymnal*

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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 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 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

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.

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– WE GO OUT TO SERVE –

***SENDING HYMN**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Chalice Hymnal #56, vv. 1, 4, 5

**1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**5 For thy church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
one pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1838,
arr. William Henry Monk, 1861. © 1995 *Chalice Hymnal*

***BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

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

POSTLUDE

Mitch Stevens, *Accompanist*

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 27

- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service
- **After worship:** VBS Planning (music, snacks, crafts)
- **5:30-8pm:** Italian Night Youth Fundraiser (*see sign-up access in Friday newsletter*)
- **TBD:** Sunday Evening Small Group attending Italian Night together

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

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

Thursday, May 1

- **6:30pm:** Handbell and chancel choirs meet with Pastor Search Committee

Sunday, May 4

- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service: **Youth & Graduate Sunday**, with cake celebration after service!
- **11:15am:** Congregational Financial Update Meeting
- **After worship:** VBS Planning

Monday, May 5

- **7pm:** Caring Elders Team Meeting

– ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)* –

Tuesday, May 6

- **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
- **7pm:** Full Council meets with Pastor Search Committee at the church building

Wednesday, May 7

- **9:30am:** Wednesday Morning Small Group at the Bakers' home
- **6:30pm:** Chancel Choir Practice

Friday, May 9

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

Saturday, May 10

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

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