

May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 am
United Christian Church of Austin

– GATHERING –

PRELUDE

Mitch Stevens, *Accompanist*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth / Sarah Allen

(See pages 10-11 for printed announcements.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Henry Choe, *Liturgist*

One: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Let us worship God. Let us pray.

All: Thank you, God, for loving us and forgiving us.
Thank you, God, for music that stirs our souls.
Thank you, God, for family and friends, for pets whom we love and who love us.
Thank you for your peace.

One: Help us to bring your peace to others. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“This Little Light of Mine”

The New Century Hymnal #524

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 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Ellie Arnold, *Liturgist*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, we confess that we have sinned by what we have done and what we have left undone. Sometimes we act before we think, even when we know that our actions will harm others.

We are sorry for being greedy.

We are sorry for lashing out at people just for disagreeing with us, for treating people differently simply because of their skin color, sexuality, or ethnicity. In your great mercy, forgive us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Wyatt Allen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Clementine Tomlinson

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

“Halle, Halle, Halle”

All children are invited to come forward to take a blue basket to collect offerings. Thank you.

Refrain:

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

1 Glory to God on high! Halle, hallelujah!

Glory from far and wide! Halle, hallelujah!

Glory and peace on earth abide!

Hallelujah, hallelujah! [Refrain]

2 Glory, Creator praise! Halle, hallelujah!

Glory and thanks we raise! Halle, hallelujah!

Glory and blessing all our days!

Hallelujah, hallelujah! [Refrain]

3 Glory, O Christ, you reign! Halle, hallelujah!

Glory, O Lamb, once slain! Halle, hallelujah!

Glory, O Lord, let loss be gain!

Hallelujah, hallelujah! [Refrain]

4 Glory, receive our plea! Halle, hallelujah!

Glory to Christ now be! Halle, hallelujah!

Glory, the world from sin set free!

Hallelujah, hallelujah! [Refrain]

**5 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

Lavender Tomlinson,
Etta Goudeau, and Ellie Arnold

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 21:1-14
Cam Allison-Johnson, *Liturgist*

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now

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they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

All: Amen.

SERMONS

“God Cares for Us”

Simone Goudeau, Elliott Merryman-Stewart,
Cam Allison-Johnson, and Etta Goudeau

HYMN OF RESPONSE **“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

Chalice Hymnal #16, vv. 1, 3

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, how I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt. Music: NETTLETON,
Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813. © 1995 *Chalice Hymnal*

– PRAYER TIME –

PASTORAL PRAYER

Gabi Goudeau

As petitions conclude, each will end with:

One: O God,

All: **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gabi Goudeau

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.

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– OFFERTORY –

INVITATION TO GIVING

Rachel Simoneau

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.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Youth

*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

AJ Simoneau

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

Henry Choe, piano

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Youth

– WE GO OUT TO SERVE –

*SENDING HYMN

“Siyahamba”

Chalice Hymnal #442

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

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**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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***BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Simone Goudeau &
Elliott Merryman-Stewart

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.

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Sunday, May 4

- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service: Youth & Graduate Sunday
- **After worship:** Graduate Cake Reception
- **After worship:** VBS Planning
- **After worship:** Youth/families lunch at Aviator Pizza

Monday, May 5

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

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 meets online with Pastoral Search Committee (*Zoom link in Friday newsletter*)

Saturday, May 10

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

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– ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)* –

Sunday, May 11: Mothers' Day

- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service
- **5:30pm:** Sunday Evening Small Group meets with Pastoral Search Committee at the church building

Tuesday, May 13

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

Wednesday, May 14

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

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