October 11, 2026 **10:00AM**

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 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** Kenny Peters, *Liturgist*

One: Together we come to herald the good news of God:

All: for God so loves the world!

One: Together we come proclaiming a hopeful understanding of God:

All: we are the salt of the earth!

One: Together we come bearing new life in God:

All: we are the light of the world!

One: Come, let us love one another:

All: we are the city of God!

***OPENING HYMN** **"God of Grace and God of Glory"**

Red Chalice Hymnal #464, vv. 1-4

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy righteous goal,
lest we miss thy righteous goal.

4 Set our feet on lofty places;
fill our lives that we may be
strengthened with all Christ-like graces
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we fail our call from thee,
lest we fail our call from thee.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930 Music: John Hughes, 1907 © 1995 *Chalice Hymnal*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kenny Peters, *Liturgist*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, keeper of all our ancestors, look at our brokenness.
We know that in all creation only the human family
has strayed from your Sacred Way. We know that we are divided,
and we are the ones who must come back together
to walk in the Sacred Way. O God, Sacred One,
teach us love, compassion, and honor,
that we may heal the earth and each other.

– from the Ojibway People of Canada

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 ––

OUTREACH COLLECTION

"Halle-, Halle-, Hallelujah"

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

Halle-, Halle-, Hallelujah,
Halle-, Halle-, Hallelujah,
Halle-, Halle-, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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TIME FOR CHILDREN

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CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG

"Sing Amen"

Sing "Amen, amen!
Go in peace, shalom!
May the love of Christ be in your heart today!"

Sing "Amen, amen!
Go in peace, shalom!
Be the light of God as you go on your way."

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13-16

Kenny Peters, *Liturgist*

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

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

SERMON

"Light for the Dark and Salt for the Soup"

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Red Chalice Hymnal #677

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each movement in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Words and Music: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, 1955; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1987
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–– PRAYER TIME ––

PASTORAL PRAYER

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

As petitions conclude, each will end with:

One: O Lord,
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/kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

–– OFFERTORY ––

INVITATION TO GIVING

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 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 LORD'S TABLE Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

TABLE BLESSING Sue Lucas, *Deacon*

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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

"This Little Light of Mine"
Black 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 Everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine;

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

African-American spiritual Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993 © 1995 *New Century 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

Red 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 ––

Please support our Children and Youth Programs! We need:

- teachers and helpers in Sunday morning's Godly Play activities for our pre-schoolers, young elementary, and older elementary,
- nursery attendants during Sunday worship for children under two, and
- volunteers to assist our youth in upcoming fall activities.

You may sign up at the spreadsheet link in the Friday newsletter, or on the bulletin board outside the Children's Wing.

*Please speak with **Emily Jamison Guerrero, director of children's ministries**,* or ***Janet Maykus, pastor** and **interim director of youth ministries**, if you have any questions about our children and youth programs.*

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Sunday, October 11

- **9:30-9:50am:** Joyful Noise Rehearsal
- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service (YouTube Link in Friday's Newsletter)
- **After Worship:** Commitment Sunday Potluck for the Stewardship Campaign and Celebration of UCC's 35th Anniversary (Founders' Day)
- **5:30-7:30pm:** Youth Group: Clean and paint the Little Free Pantry

Tuesday, October 13

- **8am:** Breakfast Fellowship at Jim's (183 & Spicewood Springs)
- **1pm:** Tuesday Book Group (Zoom Link in Friday's Newsletter)
- **6:30-8pm:** Tuesday Small Group meeting at the Laurences' home

Thursday, October 15

- **7pm:** Bell Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 17

- **8-10:30am:** Pollinator Posse Day (come & go as you are able)
- **10am**: Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 18

- **9:30am:** Joyful Noise Rehearsal
- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service (YouTube Link in Friday's Newsletter)
- **After Worship:** Adult Discussion Class
- **5:30-7:30pm:** Youth Group: Trunk or Treat Prep

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

- **9:30-11am:** Wednesday Small Group meeting *only on Zoom* (Zoom Link in Friday's Newsletter)

Thursday, October 22

- **7pm:** Bell Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 23

- **7pm:** Friday Game Night

Sunday, October 25

- **9:30am:** Joyful Noise Rehearsal
- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service (YouTube Link in Friday's Newsletter)
- **After Worship:** Caregiver Support Group
- **4:30-6:30pm:** Trunk or Treat for all!

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