October 25, 2026 **10:00AM**

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost United Christian Church of Austin

–– GATHERING ––

PRELUDE Mitch Stevens, *Accompanist*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

(See pages 10-12 for printed announcements.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Chris McCubbin, *Liturgist*

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

All: Give to us as many joyous days as we may experience days of grief.

One: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.

All: Let the favor of you, our God, be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** **"The God of Abraham Praise"**

Red Chalice Hymnal #24

1 The God of Abraham praise.
All praised be the Name,
who was and is and is to be,
is still the same;
the one eternal God,
ere all that now appears;
the First, the Last, beyond all thought
through timeless years!

2 God's Spirit flowing free,
high surging where it will--
in prophet's word it spoke of old--
is speaking still.
Established is God's law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart,
on sea, or land.

3 God has eternal life
implanted in the soul.
God's love shall be our strength and stay,
while ages roll.
Praise to the living God!
All praised be the Name,
who was, and is, and is to be,
is still the same!

Words: Daniel ben Judah (14th century); tr. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1885; alt. Music: Hebrew melody, transcribed by Meyer Leoni c. 1770 © 1995 *Chalice Hymnal*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Chris McCubbin, *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

Emily Jamison Guerrero

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 22:34-46

Chris McCubbin, *Liturgist*

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David."

He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?"

No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

SERMON **"The Greatest Commandment"** Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"
Red Chalice Hymnal #490, vv. 1-3

1 Sister, let me be your servant.
Brother, let me walk with you;
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey.
fellow trav'lers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

3 I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey thro'.

Words and Music: Richard Gillard, 1977, alt. Arr. A. Eugene Ellsworth, 1994. © 1995 *Chalice Hymnal.*

-- 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 Jeremy Callison, *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

"They'll Know We Are Christians"
Red Chalice Hymnal #494, vv. 1, 3

1 We are one in the spirit, we are one in the the Lord,
We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored:

***[Refrain:]* And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,**
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

3 We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. *[Refrain]*

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*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 25

Bring cans for Bethany Food Pantry Thanksgiving boxes!

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

Tuesday, October 27

- **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

Wednesday, October 28

- **6:30pm:** Wednesday Evening Book Group (Zoom Link in Friday's Newsletter)

Thursday, October 29

- **7pm:** Bell Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 1: All Saints'/Souls' Day

Bring baked goods for the Nov 3 Election Day Bake Sale to support our Youth!

Bring cans for Bethany Food Pantry Thanksgiving boxes!

- **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: Bake for Election Day Bake Sale (Youth fundraiser!)

Tuesday, November 3

- **7am-7pm:** Election Day Bake Sale (Youth fundraiser!)
- **8am:** Breakfast Fellowship at Jim's (183 & Spicewood Springs)
- **1pm:** Tuesday Book Group (Zoom Link in Friday's Newsletter)

Wednesday, November 4

- **9:30-11am:** Wednesday Small Group meeting at the church building (Zoom Link in Friday's Newsletter)

Thursday, November 5

- **7pm:** Bell Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 7

- **8am-12pm:** Property Work Day: Outdoor

Sunday, November 8

Bring cans for Bethany Food Pantry Thanksgiving boxes!

- **9:30am:** Joyful Noise Rehearsal
- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service (YouTube Link in Friday's Newsletter)
- **After Worship:** Young-ish Adults meeting at the Goudeaus' home
- **5:30-7:30pm:** Youth Group: Make and decorate Thanksgiving food boxes, write notes

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