November 1, 2026 **10:00AM**

All Saints'/Souls' Day 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** Nicole Davis, *Liturgist*

One: We gather today in the presence of God, who was, and is, and is to come.

All: We come surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, those who kept the faith, finished the race, and now rest in God's peace.

One: We give thanks for the saints who showed us the way: prophets who spoke truth, teachers who opened Scripture, friends who prayed, and loved ones who lived the gospel before us.

All: Their witness reminds us that the church is not bound by time or place. In Christ, death does not divide us but unites us in one body.

One: So let us lift our hearts in praise to the Lord of every generation, whose grace was sufficient for them and is sufficient for us.

All: To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, from generation to generation, forever and ever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** **"For All the Saints"**

Red Chalice Hymnal #637

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might:
their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

3 O blest communion, company divine!
We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Words: William W. How, 1864; Music Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906. © 1995 *Chalice Hymnal*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nicole Davis, *Liturgist*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

"Come, Be Glad!"
Red Chalice Hymnal #329

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

1 Come, be glad! Sing and praise!
See what God has done!
Formed the earth, spread the seas, set in place the mountains;
radiant sun, shining stars, rivers, plains and fountains.

2 Come, my soul, lift your eyes!
See what God has done!
Led the slaves through the sea to a promised blessing;
faithful love, day and night, guarding and protecting.

3 Come, rejoice! Praise God's name!
See what God has done!
When full time came to be Christ appeared redeeming;
prophets, priests, martyrs, saints, Jesus' name confessing.

4 Come, with joy! Fill your hearts!
See what God has done!
Holy Flame, Spirit, Fire, burns in each believer
bringing life, love and joy, binding all together.

5 Come, give thanks! Sing God's praise!
See what God has done!

Sends us out to obey "Go and make disciples."
Christ alive! Christ alone reigns in glory always.

Words: Daniel B. Merrick (1978). Music: PORTOBELLO, Carlton R. Young (1989).
Words and Music: © 1989 Hope Publishing Co. © 1995 *Chalice Hymnal*

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG

"Peace I Leave with You, My Friends"

Peace I leave with you, my friends.
Shalom, my peace in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends.
I give to you so you can give to others, too.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12
Nicole Davis, *Liturgist*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

SERMON "Comforted Are Those Who Mourn" Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

READING OF THE NAMES

Jesus told Mary and Martha that to follow him was to follow in a way of resurrection and life. Holy One, we join today grieving and celebrating the lives of our friends, family members, mentors, teachers, and those we admired, just as you grieved the death of your friend Lazarus. We grieve while we walk in your Way, assured of healing and new life even in the face of wounds and death. We grieve while we offer thanksgiving for lives lived, for love shared, for joy known, and for the embodied awe we have experienced in sharing our lives with others. May your comfort be known to those who grieve, as we rest in assurance that those who have finished their course of life rest in joy and everlasting peace. In your holy names we lift this prayer. AMEN.

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Black New Century Hymnal #292, vv. 1–3

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one desire,
That every earthly part of me may glow with holy fire.

Words: Edwin Hatch, 1886, *alt.*, Music: TRENTHAM, Robert Jackson, 1894. © 1995 *The New Century 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.

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***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 Charlie Jamison, *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.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

–– WE GO OUT TO SERVE ––

*SENDING HYMN "Bringing in the Sheaves"

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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, 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: Prep baked goods for Election Day Bake Sale (Youth fundraiser!)

Tuesday, November 3

- **7am-7pm:** Election Day Bake Sale (Youth fundraiser!)

We need volunteers to work sales shifts – let Jan A-S know what time you can help!

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

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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: Decorate Thanksgiving food boxes, write holiday notes

Tuesday, November 10

- **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, November 12

- **7pm:** Bell Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 14

- **11am-1pm:** Youth deliver Thanksgiving Boxes to Bethany Food Pantry, pack them with donated food, include holiday notes

Sunday, November 15

- **9:30am:** Joyful Noise Rehearsal
- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service (YouTube Link in Friday's Newsletter)
- **After Worship:** Congregational Meeting to vote on 2027 Budget and 2027 Slate of Council members
- *No Adult Discussion Class, No Evening Youth Group*

At United Christian Church of Austin, we welcome your involvement!

To express interest in being a part of a ministry at UCC, or to ask a question about our work, please contact the Council chair or committee chair of these ministries at the below e-addresses:

Council Chair: councilchair@uccaustin.org

Community Connections: communityconnections@uccaustin.org

Deacons: deacons@uccaustin.org

Education: education@uccaustin.org

Property: property@uccaustin.org

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Worship: worship@uccaustin.org

United Christian Church of Austin website: UCCAustin.org
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