

February 15, 2026

10:00AM

Transfiguration Sunday

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**

Walt Case, Liturgist

One: Climb the mountain of God.

All: We will watch and wait.

One: Wait for God's glory to shine like the sun.

All: Wait for Christ to reveal the heart of God.

One: Wait to gain courage for the terror of the night.

All: Wait for the Spirit to dispel the darkness.

One: Climb the mountain of God.

All: We will watch for things worth waiting for.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Black New Century Hymnal #276

**1 Holy God, we praise your name;
Sovereign God, we bow before you:
All on earth your scepter claim,
all the heavenly hosts adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.**

2 Hark, the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs around are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising.
Fill the heavens with joys aflame:
holy, holy is your name.

3 All apostles join the strain
as your sacred name they hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the blessed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name you,
While in essence truly one,
undivided God, we claim you;
So we gather reverently
to adore the mystery.

Words: Anon., German, c. 1774. Transl. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1853; alt. Music: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN
DICH, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, c. 1774. Alt. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819. © 1995, *The New Century Hymnal*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Walt Case, *Liturgist*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy one, we lay down our fears and proud behaviors. We regret our short-sightedness and arrogant ways. We confess we often choose comfort over the effort of renewal. Please forgive the pain we've inflicted on others. Restore us to living lives of light-filled hope. We pray you would create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. In your most holy names we pray. Amen.

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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

“Welcome Song”

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

Chorus: Come in, come in, you are welcome here!

Come in, come in, you need not fear.

**Come in, come in, children of God,
You are welcome, you are welcome here!**

**1 Our doors are open to all,
To the young and the old, big and small.
We all are connected by God's loving care.
This is the love that we share! [Chorus]**

**2 We all are children of God.
We're a family of people who care.
One body, one spirit, one hope and one Lord:
these are the things that we share. [Chorus]**

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TIME FOR CHILDREN

Kyei Ko

Director of Children and Youth Ministries

CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG

“Siyahamba -

We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Red Chalice Hymnal #442

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

**We are walking in the light of God.
We are walking in the light of God. (repeat)
We are walking, we are marching, ooh,
We are walking in the light of God. (repeat)**

**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)**

**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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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

Walt Case, *Liturgist*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light.

Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."

And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

All: Amen.

SERMON **"Transformed or Transfigured"** Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Jesus on the Mountain Peak”

TRANSFIGURATION AND LENTEN JOURNEY

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak, stands a - lone in
 2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets

glo - ry blaz - ing. Let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
 in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
 sing be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One.

join the saints and an - gels prais - ing. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der! Hal - le - lu - jah!
 All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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 Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor (b. 1907) © 1985 Hope Publishing Company

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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 and ever. 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, <i>Pastor</i>
WORDS OF INSTITUTION	Janet Maykus, <i>Pastor</i>
TABLE BLESSING	George Langham, <i>Deacon</i>
CALL TO THE TABLE	Janet Maykus, <i>Pastor</i>

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*

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— WE GO OUT TO SERVE —

*SENDING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Black New Century Hymnal #439

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our present help amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe
with craft and power great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth without an equal.
- 2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus sets us free!
With mighty power to save, Victorious o'er the grave,
Christ will prevail triumphant.
- 3 And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed the truth to triumph through us.
The powers of evil grim, we tremble not for them;
their rage we can endure, for lo! their doom is sure:
one little word shall fell them.
- 4 That word beyond all earthly powers forever is abiding;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us siding.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth shall triumph still;
God's reign endures forever!

Words: Martin Luther, c. 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981, 1990;
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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 --

ATTENTION: We Have New Phone Lines!

We have eliminated our current line and replaced it with three new lines. Please use the below numbers to contact the Church and staff. The lines can receive texts; please make sure to include your name/information. Thanks!

Church Office/Administrator: (737) 230-1029

Pastor, Janet: (737) 230-1425

Youth & Children's Director, Kyei: (737) 230-1711

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We have a new P. O. box! Please send all correspondence to:

**United Christian Church
P. O. Box 80588
Austin, TX 78708**

Please support our Children's and Youth's Programs this spring! We need:

- teachers and helpers in Sunday morning's Godly Play activities for our children
- nursery attendants during Sunday worship for children under 2
- volunteers to assist our youth in their Sunday evening activities
- snacks provided for the Sunday evening Youth Group gatherings

Please sign up at the spreadsheet link in the Friday newsletter, or speak with **Kyei Ko, director of children and youth ministries**, if you have questions.

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Sunday, February 15

- **9:30-9:50am:** Children & Youth Joyful Noise Music Program
- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service (YouTube link in Friday newsletter)
- **After Worship:** Adult Discussion Class
- **After Worship:** Safe Church Training (lunch provided); RSVP to Kyei Ko.
- **After Worship:** Dressing the Sanctuary for Lent
- **5-7pm:** Youth Group: Bowling and games at Pinstack

Tuesday, February 17

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

Wednesday, February 18: Ash Wednesday

- **9:30-11am:** Wednesday Small Group meeting at the church building
- **6:30-7pm:** Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 19

- **7-8pm:** Bell Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 21

- **11am:** Funeral Service for Velma Brady
(Self-defense seminar will be rescheduled for April)

Sunday, February 22: First Sunday of Lent

- **9:30-9:50am:** Children & Youth Joyful Noise Music Program
- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service (YouTube link in Friday newsletter)
- **After Worship:** Celebration for Walt Case's 85th birthday!
- **After Worship:** Community Discovery Group Presentation
- **5-6:30pm:** Youth Group: Crop Walk Presentation by Diane Baker

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

- **6:30pm:** Wednesday Evening Book Club (Zoom link in Friday newsletter)

Thursday, February 26

- **7-8pm:** Bell Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 27

- **7-9pm:** Friday Game Night

Sunday, March 1: Second Sunday of Lent

- **9:30-9:50am:** Children & Youth Joyful Noise Music Program
- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service (YouTube link in Friday newsletter)
- **After Worship:** Adult Discussion Class
- **2pm:** Youth Group: CROP Hunger Walk

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