

February 1, 2026

10:00AM

United Christian Church of Austin

— GATHERING —

PRELUDE

Mitch Stevens, *Accompanist*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

(See pages 11-12 for printed announcements.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doris Story, *Liturgist*

One: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be
afraid?

All: When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they,
my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

One: Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall
not be afraid;

All: And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my
trust in God.

One: One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may
dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold
the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

All: For in the day of trouble the Lord shall keep me safe; God shall
hide me in the secrecy of the temple and set me high upon a
rock.

One: Even now the Lord lifts up my head above my enemies round
about me.

All: Therefore I will offer in God's dwelling an oblation with sounds
of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

***OPENING HYMN** **“O God of Love, This Is a Time of Turning”**
vv. 1, 3
(Tune: “Be Still, My Soul” (Finlandia), Red Chalice Hymnal #566)

**1 O God of love, this is a time of turning
a time of change, with conflict in the news.
For in our land, some mighty winds are churning;
There’s much at stake that we could gain or lose.
Love sings out strong, yet fires of hate are burning;
O God of all, you call us all to choose.**

**3 O God of all, of immigrant and neighbor,
of those in power and of the refugee,
you give us all our common life and labor,
our common hope, the peace we long to see.
God, may we turn and be made strong together.
May we seek justice, love and unity.**

Tune: Jean Sibelius, 1899 (*Finlandia*; “Be Still, My Soul”)
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Doris Story, *Liturgist*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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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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 4:12-23
Doris Story, *Liturgist*

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles –
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

All: Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Will You Come and Follow Me
(The Summons)”

vv. 1, 2, 5

The Summons

1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4. Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Words: 1987 WGRG, Iona Community, Glasgow, Scotland, G2 3DH (Admin. by Wild Goose Resource Group), Music: David Peacock - The Jubilate Group (Admin. by 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	Charlie Jamison, <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.

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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

— WE GO OUT TO SERVE —

*SENDING HYMN “O God of Love, This Is a Time of Turning”

(Tune: Finlandia, same as on p. 2)

vv. 2, 4

2 O God of peace, we hear your gracious promise:
Your love can heal the hearts of humankind.
May we stand firm for truth and peace and justice;
May we leave fear and hatred far behind.
May we sing out, and — singing — be a witness,
and show resolve to work for what is kind.

4 O God of love, have mercy on your churches;
Take from our hearts our paralyzing fear.
Give us new faith! Make us courageous workers.
Help us to labor on from year to year.
When other voices call out to distract us,
May we choose well and seek your kingdom here.

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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.**

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-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

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

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

We invite you to participate in supporting 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
- dinners provided for the Sunday evening Youth Group gatherings

Please sign up at the spreadsheet link in the Friday newsletter (*note the individual tabs at the bottom to toggle between opportunities*), or speak with **Kyei Ko, director of children and youth ministries**, if you have questions.

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Sunday, February 1

- **9:30-9:50am:** Children & Youth Joyful Noise Music Program Kick-off
- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service (YouTube link in Friday newsletter)
- **After Worship:** Adult Discussion Class
- **After Worship:** Young-ish adults will get together at the Goudeaus' home for a low-key time of fellowship. As always, bring or pick up lunch and drive over after church. Text Jessica at 512-809-2880 or find her at church to get the address.
- **No Youth Group**

Tuesday, February 3

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

Wednesday, February 4

- 9:30-11am: Wednesday Small Group meeting at the church building

Thursday, February 5

- 7-8pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 8

- 9:30-9:50am: Children & Youth Joyful Noise Music Program
- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service (YouTube link in Friday newsletter)
- 5-7pm: Youth Group: Valentine's Celebration, AND Parents' Meeting: *bring your calendars!*

Tuesday, February 10

- 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

Thursday, February 12

- 7-8pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 13

- 9:30am: Not Ready for Prime Time Book Group (Zoom link in Friday newsletter)

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.
- 5-7pm: Youth Group: Bowling and games at Pinstack

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