

March 29, 2026

10:00AM

Palm Sunday

United Christian Church of Austin

-- GATHERING --

PRELUDE

Bell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

(See pages 10-12 for printed announcements.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Chris McCubbin, *Liturgist*

One: We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope
the palms of deliverance of God's people.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

One: Our hearts are filled with expectation
as we welcome the coming king.

All: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Most High!

One: We receive into the crowded streets of our lives
the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

***OPENING HYMN**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Red Chalice Hymnal #192

1 All glory, laud, and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

You are a child of Israel,
Great David's greater Son;
you ride in lowly triumph,
Messiah, blessed one!

2 The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

3 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
As you received their praises,
now hear us as we pray.
Since you delight in goodness,
rule in our hearts today.

WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans c. 821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1854, alt. MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1615; harm. William Henry Monk, 1861; desc. O. I. Cricket Harrison, 1994, © 1995 Chalice Press

CALL TO CONFESSION

Chris McCubbin, *Liturgist*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I Cannot Do This Alone
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

O God, early in the morning I cry to you.
Help me to pray and to concentrate my thoughts on you;
I cannot do this alone.

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In me there is darkness, but with you there is light;
I am lonely, but you do not leave me;
I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help;
I am restless, but with you there is peace.
In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience;
I do not understand your ways,
But you know the way for me....
Restore me to liberty, and enable me to live now
That I may answer before you and before humanity.
Lord, whatever this day may bring,
Your name be praised.
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

"We Are the Church"

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

[Refrain:]

**I am the Church! You are the Church!
We are the Church together!**

**All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
yes, we're the Church together!**

**1 The Church is not a building, the Church is not a steeple.
The Church is not a resting-place, the Church is a people! [Refrain]**

**2 We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces:
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places. [Refrain]**

**3 We praise our God with singing, with loving, with our living,
but to share God's love with everyone, that is the mission.**

**4 Sometimes the Church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning! [Refrain]**

TEXT and MUSIC: Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh; © 1972 Hope Publishing Company

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Melissa Vasquez

CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"
Children's Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11
Chris McCubbin, *Liturgist*

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

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“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of an ass.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?”

And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.”

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

All: Amen.

SERMON

“Shaken and Stirred”

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Black New Century Hymnal #213

1 “Hosanna, loud hosanna,”
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed
Amid a cheering crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The one whom angels worship
rode on in lowly state,
And glad to see the children,
Slowed down the donkey's gait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song is ours,
We hail our great Redeemer,
And sing with all our powers:
"Hosanna, Christ, we praise you
with heart and life and voice.
Hosanna! In your presence
Forever we'll rejoice."

Words: Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt. Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D. Gesangbuch der herzoglichen Württembergischen
katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784, ©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

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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.**

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551
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— 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

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Red Chalice Hymnal #431

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine for
Ever, go, my children, with my blessing you are my own.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure,
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;
Here you heard my Son’s dear story, here you touched him, saw his
Glory, go, my children, sins forgiven at peace and pure.**

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Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here her tender comfort stilled you,
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983 Music: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams
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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 --

Announcement from the Pastor Search Committee

TODAY after worship, please remain in the Sanctuary for an announcement from the Pastor Search Committee.

Say YES! Church Engagement Party

TODAY after worship, stop by the tables in the Fellowship Hall to explore our ministries, meet committee leaders and staff, and learn about being involved in our church's life. **Find a place to Say YES!**

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

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, March 29: Palm Sunday

- 9:30-9:50am: Children & Youth Joyful Noise Music Program
- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service (YouTube link in Friday newsletter)
- After Worship: Announcement from the Pastor Search Committee in the Sanctuary
- After Worship: The Engagement Party in the Fellowship Hall
- 5-6:30pm: Youth Group: Lenten/Easter study and Easter egg filling

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

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

Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday

- 5:30-7:30pm: Interactive Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 3: Good Friday

- 7pm: Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday

- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service (YouTube link in Friday newsletter)
- After Worship: Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch
- 5-6:30pm: Youth Group

Tuesday, April 7

- 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, April 9

- 7-8pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 10

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

Saturday, April 11

- **10am:** Amanda Tyler Discussion at St. John's United Methodist Church (see Friday newsletter for information about registering to attend in person or watch the livestream)

Sunday, April 12

- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service (YouTube link in Friday newsletter)
- **5-6:30pm:** Youth Group

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