

April 12, 2026

10:00AM

First Sunday After Easter

United Christian Church of Austin

-- GATHERING --

PRELUDE

Mitch Stevens, *Accompanist*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carol Barrett

(See pages 10-12 for printed announcements.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lynette Alcorn, *Liturgist*

One: Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share,
the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

All: Come! Let us worship!

One: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all
that we carry to worship.

All: Come! Let us worship!

One: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to
re-orient us again to the ways of God.

All: Come! Let us worship!

One: So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to
be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together
as community in Christ.

All: Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Red Chalice Hymnal #234

**1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.**

**Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**2 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**4 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

WORDS: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Lynette Alcorn, *Liturgist*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess that we do not follow the path of Christ in all that we do.
We love with condition.
We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.
We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of
Christ in love and service. Amen.**

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ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Carol Barrett

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Carol Barrett

*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, Halle”

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

[Refrain] Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Glory rolled away the stone! Halle, hallelujah!
Glory! His death has flown! Halle, hallelujah!
Glory! For Jesus lives again!
Hallelujah, hallelujah! *[Refrain]*

Glory to our God we sing! Halle, hallelujah!
Glory our song takes wing! Halle, hallelujah!
Glory, to Christ our love we bring!
Hallelujah, hallelujah! *[Refrain]*

Glory to God on high! Halle, hallelujah!
Glory from far and wide! Halle, hallelujah!
Glory and peace on earth abide!
Hallelujah, hallelujah! *[Refrain]*

Glory creator praise! Halle, hallelujah!
 Glory and thanks we raise! Halle, hallelujah!
 Glory and blessing all our days!
 Hallelujah, hallelujah! *[Refrain]*

Glory, O Holy Lord! Halle, hallelujah!
 Glory, O Christ Adored! Halle, hallelujah!
 Glory, O Spirit, now outpoured!
 Hallelujah, hallelujah! *[Refrain]*

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TIME FOR CHILDREN

Kyei Ko

CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG

“Peace, My Friends”

PEACE, MY FRIENDS

Ray Repp

Refrain

Peace I leave with you, my friends. Sha-lom, my peace in
 all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends.
 I give to you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Lynette Alcorn, *Liturgist*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

All: Amen.

SERMON

“A Living Hope”

Carol Barrett

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“We Live by Faith and Not by Sight”

Black New Century Hymnal #256, vv. 1-3

1 We live by faith and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
From Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke,
who still we know is near.

**2 We may not touch Christ's hands and side,
nor follow where Christ trod;
but in confessing we rejoice:
our Savior and our God!**

**3 Help then, O Christ, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.**

Words: Henry Alford, 1844; alt. Tune: DUNLAP'S CREEK C.M. Samuel McFarland, c. 1816 Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986
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-- PRAYER TIME --

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jenny Veninga

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.

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— 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	Rev. Jenny Veninga
WORDS OF INSTITUTION	Rev. Jenny Veninga
TABLE BLESSING	Sarah Clary, <i>Deacon</i>
CALL TO THE TABLE	Rev. Jenny Veninga

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**

Rev. Jenny Veninga

-- WE GO OUT TO SERVE --

***SENDING HYMN**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Red Chalice Hymnal #254, vv. 1-3

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will
to do and to endure.**
- 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

Words: Edwin Hatch, 1878, alt. Music: Robert Jackson, 1888
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***BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Carol Barrett

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

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, April 12

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

Tuesday, April 14

- **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

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Wednesday, April 15

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

Thursday, April 16

- 7-8pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 18

- 2pm: Celebration of Life for Tammy Isenberg

Sunday, April 19

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

Tuesday, April 21

- 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, April 22

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

Thursday, April 23

- 7-8pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 24

- 7-9pm: Friday Game Night

Saturday, April 25

- 10am: Self-Defense Seminar

Sunday, April 26

- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service (Zoom link in Friday newsletter)
- **After Worship:** Social Justice Planning Meeting
- **After Worship:** Caregiver Support Group Meeting
- **5-6:30pm:** Youth Group

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