

April 19, 2026

10:00AM

Second Sunday After Easter

United Christian Church of Austin

-- GATHERING --

PRELUDE

Mitch Stevens, *Accompanist*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jenny Veninga

(See pages 10-12 for printed announcements.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Walt Case, *Liturgist*

One: We walk in wonder beneath the sun and stars.

All: Creation is God's masterpiece and we are blessed to share it.

One: We give thanks for the air, the land, and the water

All: and for all the creatures joined together in the web of life.

One: Beauty is before us, around us, over us and beneath us.

All: We shall open our eyes and our hearts to see it!

**Adapted from "Healing Our Earthly Home," Wisconsin Conference, UCC*

***OPENING HYMN**

"Morning Has Broken"

Red Chalice Hymnal #53

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

**3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!**

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David Grotenhuis, 1985. © 1995 Chalice Hymnal

CALL TO CONFESSION

Walt Case, *Liturgist*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and beauty, we confess that we have failed to honor you by failing to recognize our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to see the beauty before us and act so that all beings may flourish. Amen.

**Adapted from "Creation-Focused Worship Resources for Earth Day"
Compiled by the Creation Care Justice Network in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rev. Dr. Jenny Veninga

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Jenny Veninga

*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.**

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-- 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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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

Luke 24:13-35

Walt Case, *Liturgist*

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas,

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asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

“What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

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

All: Amen.

SERMON

“I Can See Clearly Now”

Rev. Dr. Jenny Veninga

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Be Thou My Vision”

Red Chalice Hymnal #595, vv. 1-3

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Words: Irish song (8th century); tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt. Music: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1963, ©1995 *Chalice Hymnal*

— PRAYER TIME —

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Jenny Veninga

As petitions conclude, each will end with:

One: O Lord,

All: **hear our prayer.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer, Maori & Polynesia, New Zealand Book of Common Prayer:

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trial too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen.

p. 181, <https://anglicanprayerbook.nz/167.html>

— 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. Dr. Jenny Veninga

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Rev. Dr. Jenny Veninga

TABLE BLESSING Wendy Campbell, *Deacon*

CALL TO THE TABLE Rev. Dr. 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.

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-- WE GO OUT TO SERVE --

***SENDING HYMN**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Black New Century Hymnal #28, vv. 1, 2, 4

**1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.**

[Refrain] **God of all, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light, [Refrain]**

**4 For the good that love inspires,
for a world where none exclude,
for a faith that never tires,
and for every heart renewed, [Refrain]**

Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864; Stanza 4 © 1993 Medical Mission Sisters. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1838, arr. William Henry Monk, 1861. ©1995 *The New Century Hymnal*

***BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Rev. Dr. Jenny Veninga

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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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 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

- **10-11am: Self-Defense Seminar**

Sunday, April 26

- **9:30-9:50am: Children & Youth Joyful Noise Music Program**
- **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**

Tuesday, April 28

- **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 30

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

Sunday, May 3

- **9:30-9:50am: Children & Youth Joyful Noise Music Program**
- **10am: Hybrid Worship Service (Zoom link in Friday newsletter)**
- **After Worship: Adult Discussion Class**
- **5-6:30pm: Youth Group**

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