

April 5, 2026

10:00AM

Easter Sunday

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**

George Langan, *Liturgist*

One: Where shattered hearts are made whole,

All: where wounded souls are healed,

One: where life is stronger than death:

All: there, the stone has been rolled away.

One: Where the lonely become our friends,

All: where a stranger is welcomed home,

One: where hope is stronger than despair,

All: there, we find Jesus walking.

One: Where closed wallets are opened,

All: where the anxious find serenity,

One: where love is stronger than hate:

All: there, Jesus is opening our eyes.

One: The stone has been rolled away!

All: Jesus is our companion on the journey!

One: Our eyes are opened to the needs of others!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is with us!

*OPENING HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Black New Century Hymnal #233, vv. 1-3

**1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!**

**2 Let the Victor’s people sing, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**3 Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!
God has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739; alt. Music: EASTER HYMN with *alleluias*,
Arr. from *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708. © 1995 *The New Century Hymnal*

CALL TO CONFESSION

George Langan, *Liturgist*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we do not share in the joy of resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, so we may live in hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. *Amen.*

– Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

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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

“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

QUESTIONS OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

One: As we are called to walk in the way of Christ, we are told to make disciples and to offer the gift of grace through baptism.

Do you, who witness and celebrate the confirmation of baptism, and this sacrament of baptism, promise your love, support, and care to Mierin and Jonah who are about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

All: We promise our love, support, and care. We rejoice to welcome you into this community of faith.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

One: Now let us unite with the church in all times and places confessing our faith in God. Do you believe in God?

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All: We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus, our brother, and to whose deeds we testify: God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the image of the Divine, and sets before us the ways of life and death. God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

One: Do you believe in Jesus the Christ?

All: We believe in Jesus the man of Nazareth. We hear Christ's calling us into his church to accept the costs and joys of discipleship, to be of service to the whole human family and all of creation, and to proclaim good news, and to renounce the powers of evil.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of life, which is evermore creating and renewing life and all of creation, and working to bind in covenant people of all ages, tongues, genders, and races. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

ACT OF BAPTISM

CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG

"This Little Light of Mine"
Black New Century Hymnal #525

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.**

**All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.**

Tune: LATTIMER Irr. African-American Spiritual Adapt. William Farley Smith, 1987
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PRAYER

One: Holy One, give to the newly-baptized Mierin and Jonah strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom to love, and the hope of new life through Jesus Christ who makes us one.

All: We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church family. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in the knowledge and love of Christ and become instruments of God's purposes of justice, peace, and compassion.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10

George Langan, *Liturgist*

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and

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tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

All: Amen.

SERMON

"Go Home"

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Red Chalice Hymnal #687, vv. 1, 4

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west in him meet south and north;
All loving hearts are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1991 MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1844; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906
© 1995 Chalice Press

— 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.**

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551
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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	Diane Baker, <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, <i>Pastor</i>
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— WE GO OUT TO SERVE —

*SENDING HYMN	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Red Chalice Hymnal #2, vv. 1, 2, 4
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**1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee
- 4 Mortals, join the happy chorus; stars of morning, take your part;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Words: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. Edward Hodges, 1864; desc. Susan Adams, 1995 © 1995 *Chalice Hymnal*

***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 --

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 5: Easter Sunday

- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service (YouTube link in Friday newsletter)
- **After Worship:** Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch
- No Adult Discussion Class, No Youth Group

Tuesday, April 7

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

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

- **8am-12pm:** Property Workday
- **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)
- **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

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

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