

May 31, 2026

10:00AM

*First Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Chris McCubbin, *Liturgist*

One: O Holy One, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: **We admire the work of your hands in awe and thanksgiving!**

One: O Holy One, our Redeemer, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: **It is a gift that you come to us, empower us, and give us rest.**

One: O Holy One, our Companion, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: **Let us worship the Holy One with honor and glory!**

**How majestic are your many names in all the earth!**

*(inspired by Psalm 8)*

### \*OPENING HYMN

**“O How Glorious, Full of Wonder”**

Black New Century Hymnal #558

O how glorious, full of wonder is your name o'er all the earth,  
God, who wrought creation's splendor, bringing suns and stars to birth!  
Rapt in reverence we adore you, marveling at your mystic ways.  
Humbly now we bow before you, lifting up our hearts in praise.

When we see your lights of heaven, moon and stars, your power displayed,  
Who are we that you should love us, creatures that your hand has made?  
Born of earth, yet full of yearning, mixture strange of good and ill,

From your ways so often turning, yet your love does seek us still.

You have set us in communion with the wonders of your hand,  
Made us fly with eagle pinion, pilgrims over sea and land.  
Soaring spire and ruined city, these our hopes and failures show,  
Teach us more of human pity, that we in your image grow.

O how wondrous, O how glorious is your name in every land,  
God, whose purpose shines before us toward the goal that you have planned!  
Yours the will our hearts are seeking, conscious of our human need.  
Spirit in our spirit speaking, make us yours, O God, indeed.

Words: Chris Beach, 1958, rev. 1980; alt. Music: Traditional Dutch melody Arr. Julius Rontgen, c. 1906  
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## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Chris McCubbin, *Liturgist*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Glorious God, before Whom we confess today: We allow doubt and fear to override grace and hope. We look to the world to deliver what it cannot give. We ignore the truth, goodness, and beauty of Your good news. Forgive, restore, and renew us, Holy One. Help us to remember Your promise of new life here and now, and to place our trust in You. By Your Holy Spirit, continue to love and forgive us, to transform and change us, and to overcome the power of sin and death in our lives. We pray in Your Holy Names, 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.

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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, 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

*Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

## 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.

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a**  
Chris McCubbin, *Liturgist*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so.

God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to

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separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude.

And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that

he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

All: Amen.

**SERMON** “The Enlivening Generosity of God” Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”  
Black New Century Hymnal #351

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
I’ll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.**

**When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.  
Should you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.  
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,  
I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

Words and Music: John Ylvisaker, 1985; alt.  
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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. 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](https://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 —**

<b>INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE</b>	Janet Maykus, <i>Pastor</i>
<b>WORDS OF INSTITUTION</b>	Janet Maykus, <i>Pastor</i>
<b>TABLE BLESSING</b>	Diane Baker, <i>Deacon</i>
<b>CALL TO THE TABLE</b>	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 --**

## **RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

*Let us now bless our graduates as a community by extending a hand of blessing towards our graduates.*

**One:** As your classes come to an end,

**All:** May you remember that learning is a lifelong pursuit and a treasure.

**One:** As the speeches conclude,

**All:** May you continue to proclaim justice and peace in the world.

**One:** As the fanfares cease,

**All:** May you always be rooted in joy, even when you walk through dark valleys.

**One:** As the applause quiets,

**All:** May you always celebrate and lift up those around you.

**One:** As you graduate,

**All:** May you blossom and spur growth in your communities.

**And wherever you go, and whatever you do, may you know that God goes with you, the peace of Christ is with you, and one of your homes will always be United Christian Church. Amen.**

## **\*SENDING HYMN**

**“Now in the Days of Youth”**

Black New Century Hymnal #350, vv. 1-2

**1 Now in the days of youth when life is filled with choice,  
When hope and doubt touch every hour, when all thoughts find a voice,  
We turn, O God, to you for guidance and for grace.**

In all our days, in all our ways, help us to seek your face.

**2 Teach us to use our lives with purpose and with power  
For visions of a better world and for decision's hour;  
To choose the way of life, reject the way of death,  
until the radiant force of God fills mind and strength and breath.**

Words: Walter J. Mathams, 1913; alt. Adapt. Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1992 Music: George J. Elvey, 1868  
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## **\*BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

One: As our Sunday worship ends,  
**ALL: Let our service begin!**

## **POSTLUDE**

Mitch Stevens, *Accompanist*

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## **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 --

**Please support our Children's and Youth's Programs!** 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

You may sign up at the spreadsheet link in the Friday newsletter.

*Please speak with Kyei Ko, director of children and youth ministries, if you have any questions about our children and youth programs.*

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## **Sunday, May 31**

- **9:30-9:50am:** Children & Youth Joyful Noise Music Program
- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service (Zoom link in Friday newsletter)
- **After worship:** 5th Sunday Individual Committee Meetings for each ministry
- **5-6:30pm:** Youth Group (last Sunday evening gathering till fall)

## **Tuesday, June 2**

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

## **Wednesday, June 3**

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

## **Thursday, June 4**

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

## Sunday, June 7

- **9:30-9:50am:** Children & Youth Joyful Noise Music Program
- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service (Zoom link in Friday newsletter)
- **After Worship:** Rev. Maykus will lead a “State of the Congregation” conversation

## Tuesday, June 9

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

## Thursday, June 11

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

## Saturday, June 13

- **2pm:** Celebration of Life for Arlene Turner

## Sunday, June 14

- **9:30-9:50am:** Children & Youth Joyful Noise Music Program
- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service (Zoom link in Friday newsletter)

## Also coming up:

- **June 7-10:** Youth Mission Trip
- **June 22-26, 9am-12pm:** Vacation Bible School: Stem Trek

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