

May 3, 2026

10:00AM

Fourth Sunday After Easter

United Christian Church of Austin

-- GATHERING --

PRELUDE

Mitch Stevens, *Accompanist*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

(See pages 10-12 for printed announcements.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wyatt Allen, *Liturgist*

One: In You, Holy One, we seek sanctuary. In you, Sovereign God, we seek refuge.

All: **Holy One, for your name's sake lead us and guide us.**

One: You are indeed our rock and our fortress. Our times are in your hands. Strengthen us in your righteousness.

All: **Holy One, for your name's sake lead us and guide us.**

One: Shine upon us this day as we worship you. Saturate us in your steadfast love.

All: **Holy One, for your name's sake lead us and guide us.**

***OPENING HYMN**

"God Will Take Care of You"
Black New Century Hymnal #460

1 Be not dismayed whate'er betide;
God will take care of you.
Beneath God's wings of love abide;
God will take care of you.

[Refrain]: God will take care of you,
through ev'ry day, o'er all the way.
God will take care of you;
God will take care of you.

**2 Through days of toil when heart grows frail,
God will take care of you.**

**When dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you. [Refrain]**

**3 All you may need God will provide;
God will take care of you.**

**Nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you. [Refrain]**

**4 No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you.**

**Lean, weary one, upon God's breast;
God will take care of you. [Refrain]**

Words: Civilla D. Martin, 1904; alt. Tune: MARTIN C.M. with refrain W. Stillman Martin, 1905
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Wyatt Allen, *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*

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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

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.

Text based on John 14:25–27; Ray Repp. Text and music © 1967, 2015, Otter Creek Music.
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SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

Wyatt Allen, *Liturgist*

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

All: Amen.

SERMON

"Many Houses"

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Red Chalice Hymnal #16, vv. 1, 3

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love!

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, how I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt. Music: Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813
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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.

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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
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*

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-- WE GO OUT TO SERVE --

***SENDING HYMN**

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Black New Century Hymnal #337

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether,
for when humbly in your name,
two or three are met together,
You are in the midst of them;
 alleluia, alleluia!
Touch we now your garment’s hem.

As disciples used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Giver
break the bread and bless the cup,
 alleluia, alleluia!
So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be disciples true.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
we may serve with faith anew.

Words: Percy Dearmer, 1925; alt. Tune: UNION SEMINARY
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***BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

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

POSTLUDE

Mitch Stevens, *Accompanist*

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 --

TODAY, please stay after worship for a special coffee hour to welcome our new settled pastor, Reverend Janet Maykus!

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

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- 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, May 3

- 9:30-9:50am: Children & Youth Joyful Noise Music Program
- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service (Zoom link in Friday newsletter)
- After Worship: **Special coffee hour to welcome Rev. Janet Maykus**
- After Worship: Adult Discussion Class
- 5-6:30pm: Youth Group

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

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

Thursday, May 7

- 7-8pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 10: Mothers' Day

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

Tuesday, May 12

- 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, May 14

- 7-8pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 17

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

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