

**March 03, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

3rd Sunday of Lent

United Christian Church of Austin

## **-- GATHERING --**

### **PRELUDE**

Nick Jimenez, *Primary Accompanist*

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(See pages 12-13 for printed announcements)*

Pastor Janet Maykus  
*Interim Senior Minister*

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Walt Case, *Liturgist*

One: We stand in the need of the presence of God.

**All: Our lives can so easily become corrupted by our own greed.**

One: But the Holy One has heard our cries and calls us forward on this journey.

**All: Please guide our steps.**

One: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

**All: Let us open our hearts to the healing, restoring love of God.**

## OPENING HYMN

“O God, How We Have Wandered”  
NCH #202

O God, how we have wandered and hidden from your face;  
In foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.  
But how, in exile dwelling, we turn with fear and shame,  
As distant but compelling, you call us each by name.

And now at length discerning the evil that we do,  
By faith we are returning with hope and trust in you.  
In haste you come to meet us, and home rejoicing bring,  
In gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

O God of all the living, both banished and restored,  
Compassionate, forgiving, our peace and hope assured.  
Grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.  
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.

Lyrics: Kevin Nichols (1980, alt.), Music: PASSION CHORALE (HERLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN), Hans Leo Hassler, 1601;  
Harm. J.S. Bach, 1729. ©1995 *The New Century Hymnal*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Walt Case, *Liturgist*

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us approach God with confidence, trusting in God's grace as we humbly confess our sins.

**All:** Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Pastor Janet Maykus

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*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

"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"

Margaret Cropper (c. 1926)

Claire de Lune, Traditional French Melody

$\text{♩} = 100$

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 100. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line, with some words in bold. The score ends with a double bar line.

1 Je - sus' **hands** are kind hands, do ing good to all, heal ing pain and sick ness,  
Take my hands, dear Je - sus, let them work for you; make them strong and gen - tle,  
Wor-king for your Kin-dom, all I want to do; heav'n on earth we strive for,

4  
bles-sing chil-dren small, wa-shing tired feet, and sa-ving those who fall;  
kind in all I do. Let me watch you Je - sus, till i'm gen-tle too.  
on ac-count of you. Foll-wing you ex am - ple, may we hon - or you.

7  
Je - sus' **hands** were kind hands, do - ing good to all.  
'till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.  
Let our hands be kind hands, lo - ving work to do.

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## TIME FOR CHILDREN

Emily Jamison Guerrero  
Director of Children's Ministries

*All children are invited to come forward to take a blue basket to collect outreach offerings. You may donate money or items for our little free pantry.*

*After our Outreach Collection, children and the young-at-heart are invited to sit on the chancel steps or floor in front of the steps.*

*Following the prayer, children are invited to the Children's Wing for the remainder of worship, or may return to sit with their families.*

## CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG

"May the Blessing of God"

May the blessing of God go before you.  
May her grace and peace abound.  
May her Spirit live within you.  
May her love wrap you 'round.  
May her blessing remain with you always.  
May you walk on holy ground.

Words and Music, Miriam Therese Winter, 1987 © 1987 Medical Mission Sisters  
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## SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:13-22 (NRSVUE)  
Walt Case, *Liturgist*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

One: This is the Word of God for all the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

"Jesus Has Left the Building"  
Pastor Janet Maykus

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# HYMN OF RESPONSE

“O God of Earth and Altar”  
NCH #582

O God of earth and altar,  
bow down and hear our cry;  
our earthly rulers falter,  
our people drift and die;  
the walls of gold entomb us,  
the swords of scorn divide;  
take not your thunder from us,  
but take away our pride.

From all that terror teaches,  
from lies of pen and voice,  
from all the easy speeches  
that make our hearts rejoice,  
from value's profanation,  
from honor sacrificed,  
from sleep and from damnation,  
deliver us, oh Christ!

Awaken us to action  
and forge us into one,  
Defying sect and faction;  
O God, your will be done!  
Oppressive systems snare us;  
our apathies increase.  
Great God, in mercy spare us  
for justice and for peace!

Words: st. 1-2, Gilbert K. Chesterton, 1906; alt., St. 2, alt., Jane Parker Huber, 1985, St. 3, Jane Parker Huber, 1985. Music:  
LLANGLOFFAN, Traditional Welsh melody, Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906. ©1995 *The New Century Hymnal*

# -- PRAYER TIME --

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Janet Maykus

*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.  
Offertory 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.*

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## **\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God throughout these forty days;  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts.

WORDS: G. W. Dub Shepherd, 2006 OLD 100TH, MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551 LM. Published by The General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, PO Box 340003, Nashville, TN 37203-0003. Web site <http://www.umcworship.org>. Used by Permission.

## **-- HOLY COMMUNION --**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

Pastor Janet Maykus

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**TABLE BLESSING**

Natasha Saelen, *Deacon*

## CALL TO THE TABLE

Pastor Janet Maykus

*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.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Janet Maykus

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# -- WE GO OUT TO SERVE --

## \*SENDING HYMN

“God, Beyond Our Ways of Knowing”

(tune: “Come, Thou Fount of Ev’ry Blessing” NCH #459)

God, beyond our ways of knowing,  
you invite us into grace,  
shepherd us to guide our growing,  
help us seek and find our place:  
teaching us through Christ to live  
in the blessings that you give.  
God, beyond our ways of knowing,  
you invite us into grace.

Other gods demand devotion—  
money, markets, might, acclaim,  
busy lives in endless motion,  
offring happiness and fame.  
When my fevered strivings cease,  
you are still my source of peace.  
In the midst of all commotion,  
I seek you, my steady flame.

God, beyond our ways of knowing,  
you invite us into grace,  
shepherd us to guide our growing,  
help us seek and find our place:  
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## \***BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Pastor Janet Maykus

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

## **POSTLUDE**

Nick Jimenez

# -- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

**Sign-up for Spring Small Groups in the Fellowship Hall after worship!**  
**TODAY, March 3,** and next Sunday, March 10.

**TODAY, Sunday, March 3, 11:15am - 12:15pm - Adult Discussion Class.** Led by Rev. Janet in Room 10 following service.

**TODAY, Sunday, March 3, 5:30-7:30pm - Sunday Small Group.** Child care provided.

**Tuesday, March 5, 8am - Breakfast Fellowship.** Contact: Kenneth Dalley.

**Tuesday, March 5, 1-2pm - The Tuesday Spirit of Love Conversations Book Group** on Zoom. All are welcome to join! Visit <https://www.uccaustin.org/bookgroups.html> for book information and zoom link. A book purchase is not necessary and the study can be downloaded or printed at [katebowler.com](http://katebowler.com).

**Wednesday, March 6, 9:30-11am - Wednesday Small Group.**

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## ✚ LENTEN WEDNESDAY SERVICES ✚

- ❖ **Wednesdays from 6-7pm throughout Lent**, Rev. Janet will be leading a weekly discussion group every Wednesday evening. A simple supper of beans and cornbread will be provided. A vegan option will also be available. There will not be childcare, but children are always welcome. The last discussion will be on March 27.
- ❖ **Wednesdays at 7pm throughout Lent** - Julie Stiles will lead choir rehearsal at the church as we prepare for Holy Week.

**Friday, March 8, 9:30-11am - Not Ready for Prime Time Book Club** on Zoom. All readers are invited to join in a lively discussion of the book of the month. Visit <https://www.uccaustin.org/bookgroups.html> for book information and zoom link. Contact Tammy Isenberg with questions.

**Friday, March 8, 11:15am - Lunch Bunch** - Everyone is invited to a Dutch treat lunch at a casual NW Austin restaurant. Contact Kenneth Dalley for reservations.

**Sunday, March 10 - \*DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS\*** - Don't forget to set your clocks! 🔄🕒 Spring Forward one hour.

**Sunday, March 10, after Worship - Volunteer Fair** in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour.

**Sunday, March 10, after Worship - Second Sunday Social** at Aviator Pizza 🍕 on Parmer.

**Sunday, March 10, 11:40am - 12:30pm - Bell and Chime Choir Rehearsal.** Rehearsals continue every other Sunday. Contact Melissa Vasquez ([melissabee85@gmail.com](mailto:melissabee85@gmail.com)) or Walt Case for more information.