

March 10, 2024

4th Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM

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**

Meghan Hatcher, *Liturgist*

One: Give thanks to God!

All: Proclaim God's goodness throughout all the world!

One: Let all of us, gathered here, celebrate God's absolute love.

All: Let us offer our lives in service to others.

One: Thanks be to God for the blessings which have been poured on us.

All: Absolute Love, enable us to use our gifts to serve you in your world.

OPENING HYMN

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”
NCH #400

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of our God, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O God of Hosts, today!
With your constant, loving kindness
hear your people as they pray.
Give your fullest benediction:
grace to follow Christ the Way.

Here renew your servants' vision,
that by faith they may attain
peace and hope, renewed compassion,
strength to comfort those in pain,
Tears and grief transformed to gladness
in your everlasting reign.

Words: John Mason Neale (1851, alt.), adapt. Thomas H. Troeger (1992)
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart (1867) ©1995 *The New Century Hymnal*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Meghan Hatcher, *Liturgist*

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 system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. Bolded text in the lyrics indicates parts for the congregation. An asterisk in the lyrics indicates where people are invited to rise in body or Spirit.

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,
Wer - king for your Kin - dom, all I want to do; heav'n on earth we strive for,

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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're 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.

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SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:4-15 (NRSVUE)
Meghan Hatcher, *Liturgist*

But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Give Me This Water"
Pastor Janet Maykus

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

“My Song Is Love Unknown”
NCH #222

My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
my God should take frail flesh and die?
My God should take frail flesh and die?

God left the richest throne
salvation to bestow;
But Christ as flesh and bone
the world refused to know.
But, O my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need did life expend;
who at my need did life expend.

Sometimes they threw down palms
and sweetest praises sang.
Hosannas and glad psalms
through streets and markets rang.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
for blood and death they thirst and cry;
for blood and death they thirst and cry.

What has my Sovereign done?
What makes this rage and spite?
Christ gave new strength to run,
restored the gift of sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst Christ rise;
themselves displease, and 'gainst Christ rise.

I sing my plain belief,
one song my heart out-pours:
Never was pain nor grief,
never was love like yours.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend;
I all my days could gladly spend.

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-- 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.

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-- 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
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 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.

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-- HOLY COMMUNION --

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Janet Maykus

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

TABLE BLESSING

Robert Jackson, 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.

You came not for condemnation
but with healing for the earth,
granting this death-bound creation
life revived through second-birth.
As the morning breaks the night,
so you fill the world with light.
Your love shines on every nation,
Bringing kin-dom to the earth.

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*BENEDICTION/SENDING

Pastor Janet Maykus

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

POSTLUDE

Nick Jimenez

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

TODAY, Sunday, March 10, after Worship - Sign-up for Spring Small Groups in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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

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

Tuesday, March 12, 8am - Breakfast Fellowship. Contact: Kenneth Dalley.

Tuesday, March 12, 1-2pm - Tuesday Book Group on Zoom. All are welcome to join! For details see church website or contact Diane Baker.

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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.

Thursday, March 14, 6:30-8pm - Thursday Small Group (*children welcome*).

Sunday, March 17, 11:15am-12:15pm - Adult Discussion Class. Led by Rev. Janet in Room 10 following service.

Sunday, March 17, 5:30-7:30pm - Sunday Small Group (*child care provided*).

Wednesday, March 20, 9:30-11am - Wednesday Small Group.

Friday, March 22, 7pm: Game Night at UCC. Feel free to bring your games, snacks to share, and invite any friends or neighbors who are interested. Please RSVP to Walt or Evelyn Case.