

March 24, 2024

10:00 AM

Palm Sunday - 6th Sunday of Lent

United Christian Church of Austin

-- GATHERING --

PRELUDE

Nick Jimenez, *Primary Accompanist*

INTROIT

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
UCC Bell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(See pages 11-12 for printed announcements)

Pastor Janet Maykus
Interim Senior Minister

***OPENING ANTHEM:**

“Let the King Come In”
UCC Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Cody Shoop, *Liturgist*

One: Wave your branches high. Jesus is coming!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in God's name!

One: Spread your garments on his path.

All: Prepare the way for the Savior. Hosanna!

OPENING HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
NCH #216
Accompanied by the UCC Orchestra

All glory, laud and honour to you, O Christ, we sing,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;
Our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.

O Promised One of Israel, of David’s royal line,
The one called “God’s beloved,” of flesh and yet divine,
To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,
Whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Words: Theodulph of Oreleans, 9th Century, Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt. Music:
ST. THEODULPH (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN), Melchior Teschner, 1615. © 1995 *The New Century Hymnal*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Cody Shoop, *Liturgist*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: O God, you know us well. We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it fully. We shout "hosanna" as Jesus approaches, as did the people of Jerusalem many years ago; we are quick to claim faith in Jesus; but, like the throng who greeted his entry into Jerusalem, we are fickle, slow to live fully and everywhere as faithful disciples. We are quick to want the blessings of faithfulness; but, like the Twelve who spent the last week with him, we are slow to accept the pain and suffering of authentic Christ-like living. Forgive our weakness and fear.

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 written 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,
Wer - 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'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

Mark 11:1-11
Cody Shoop, *Liturgist*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

One: Here ends this reading; May God grant us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Give It Back, Walk Away"
Pastor Janet Maykus

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CHORAL ANTHEM

“In the Shadow of the Palms”
UCC Choir

-- 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
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

Claire Shoop, 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

*"O Sacred Head/American Tune"
Chris McCubbin*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Janet Maykus

-- WE GO OUT TO SERVE --

*SENDING HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

NCH #213

"Hosanna, loud hosanna,"
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
amid a cheering crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The one whom angels worship
rode on in lowly state,
and glad to see the children,
slowed down the donkey's gait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song is ours,
We hail our great Redeemer
and sing with all our powers;
"Hosanna, Christ, we praise you
with heart and life and voice.
Hosanna! In your presence
forever we'll rejoice!"

Words: Jeanette Threlfall, 1873; alt. Music: ELLACOMBE, *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784.*
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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 24, 11:30am - 12:20pm - Final Bell and Chime Choir Rehearsal of Easter music selection. Contact Melissa Vasquez (melissabee85@gmail.com) or Walt Case for more information.

TODAY, Sunday, March 24, after service - Young Adult Brown Bag Fellowship at the Goudeaus' home.

TODAY, Sunday, March 24, 5:30pm - Youth Meeting - Easter egg stuffing for next week's Easter egg hunt!

Tuesday, March 26, 8am - Breakfast Fellowship. RSVP to Kenneth Dalley.

Tuesday, March 26, 1pm - Tuesday Book Group on Zoom. All are welcome to join! For details see church website or contact Diane Baker.

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30pm - Tuesday Small Group.

Wednesday, March 27, 6:30pm - Wednesday Evening Book Group on Zoom. For details see church website or contact Cherie Hinch.

✚ PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE HOLY WEEK EVENTS ✚

❖ **Wednesday, March 27, 7pm** - choir rehearsal led by Julie Stiles.




❖ **Maundy Thursday, March 28, 5:30-7:30pm** - Bring something for a Mediterranean finger food potluck (hummus, raw veggies, stuffed grape leaves, dates, etc.) then walk the **Stations of the Cross** and participate in **foot- and hand-washing**. This is an intergenerational evening.



❖ **Good Friday, March 29, 7pm** - **Tenebrae Service**.



❖ **Easter Sunday, March 31, 10am** - **Worship Service**, followed by an **Easter Egg Hunt**.  Finger food potluck during egg hunt.

Tuesday, April 2, 8am - **Breakfast Fellowship**. RSVP to Kenneth Dalley.

Tuesday, April 2, 1pm - **Tuesday Book Group** (*on Zoom*).

Wednesday, April 3, 9:30-11am - **Wednesday Small Group**.

Sunday, April 7, 8:30am - **Outdoor Worship Service**.

Sunday, April 7, 11:15am-12:15pm - **Adult Discussion Class**.

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

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