

March 31, 2024

10:00 AM

Easter Sunday

United Christian Church of Austin

-- GATHERING --

PRELUDE

Nick Jimenez, *Primary Accompanist*

INTROIT

“The Day of Resurrection”
UCC Bell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(See page 12 for printed announcements)

Pastor Janet Maykus
Interim Senior Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Cody Dishman, *Liturgist*

One: Rejoice! There is great news! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Let all the earth proclaim the joy!

All: Let all heaven show forth in praise.

One: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia!

***OPENING HYMN**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

NCH #233, vv. 1, 2 and 4

Accompanied by the UCC Orchestra

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Let the victor’s people sing, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739; alt. Music: EASTER HYMN *with alleluias*,
Arr. from *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708. © 1995 *The New Century Hymnal*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Cody Dishman, *Liturgist*

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: We confess that even as we proclaim new life, we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we ignore the cries of the oppressed, and are indifferent to calls for peace; we dismiss the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy.

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

“Halle, Halle, Halle”

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Verses

Cantor: 1. Glo - ry to God on high! *All:* Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! *Cantor:* Glo - ry from
2. Glo - ry, cre - a - tor praise! Glo - ry and
3. Glo - ry, rolled a - way the stone! Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, His
4. Glo - ry! to our God we sing! Glo - ry our
5. Glo - ry! O Ho - ly Lord! Glo - ry! O

All: far and wide! *Cantor:* Glo - ry and
thanks we raise! Glo - ry and
death has flown! Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, for
song takes wing! Glo - ry! to
Christ, a - dored! Glo - ry! O

All: peace on earth a - bide! **D.C.**
bless - ing all our days!
Je - sus lives a - gain! Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
Christ our love we bring!
Spir - it, now out - poured!

Words: Trad. Caribbean; verses by Gabe Huck, adapt. By Tony E. Alonso ©2005, GIA Publications, Inc., Additional verses by Julie Stiles, 2024 . Music: Trad. Caribbean; arr. By John L. Bell ©1990 Iona Community, © 2005 GIA Publications, Inc.

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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

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
Verse 1

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SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18
Cody Dishman, Liturgist

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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SERMON

"No Time to Weep"
Pastor Janet Maykus

ANTHEM

"Hallelujah Chorus"
from Handel's Messiah
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**

“Now Thank We All Our God”
NCH #419, v. 3

All praise and thanks to God our Maker now be given,
to Christ, and Spirit, too, our help in highest heaven,
The one, eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore!

Text: Martin Rinkart, 1647, transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt. Music: NUN DANKET, Johann Crüger, 1647, harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840 ©1995 The New Century Hymnal.

-- HOLY COMMUNION --

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Pastor Janet Maykus

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

TABLE BLESSING

Linda Laurence, *Deacon*

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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

*“How Beautiful Are The Feet”
from Handel’s Messiah
Jenny Veninga, euphonium*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Janet Maykus

-- WE GO OUT TO SERVE --

*SENDING HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection”
NCH #245

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Christ who reigns eternal
in resurrection light;
We listen for the teachings
once heard so calm and plain,
for we, too, want to follow
and raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the whole world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ again has risen,
our joy that has no end.

Words: John of Damascus, 8th Century, Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt. Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1836. ©
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***BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Pastor Janet Maykus

One: As our Sunday worship ends,

ALL: Let our service begin!

POSTLUDE

Nick Jimenez

-- Welcoming a New Member --

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, 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. Contact: Kenneth Dalley.

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

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

Friday, April 5, 9:30am - Not Ready for Prime Time Book Club.

Friday, April 5, 11:15am - Lunch Bunch.

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

Sunday, April 7, 11:15am-12:15pm - Adult Discussion Class in Room 6.

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

Tuesday, April 9, 8am - Breakfast Fellowship.

Tuesday, April 9, 1pm - Tuesday Book Group (*on Zoom*).

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30-8pm - Tuesday Small Group.

Thursday, April 11, 6:30-8pm - Thursday Small Group (*child-friendly*).

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