

May 5, 2024

10:00 AM

6th Sunday of Easter

United Christian Church of Austin

-- GATHERING --

PRELUDE

Nick Jimenez, *Accompanist*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Janet Maykus

(See pages 11-13 for printed announcements)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Caitlin Oliver, *Liturgist*

One: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

All: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!

One: God has remembered God's faithful ones.

All: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

One: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

All: Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"

NCH #329, vv. 1-3

Jesus, the joy of loving hearts,
fount of our lives, and light of all:
From every bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
you plead with all to call on you;
To those still seeking, you are good;
to those who find you, life is new.

We taste of you, the living bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
We drink of you, the fountain-head;
our thirsty souls from you we fill.

Words: Bernard of Clairvaux (c. 1150), translated by Ray Palmer. Music: HESPERUS (QUEBEC), Henry W. Baker (1854). © 1995
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Caitlin Oliver, *Liturgist*

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

All: In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

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.

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-- THE WORD --

OUTREACH COLLECTION

“Little Children, Welcome”
NCH #323

Little children, welcome!
Earth is yours to live in;
arms of love protect you,
little children, welcome!

Little children, welcome!
Jesus cares about you;
Jesus now enfolds you,
little children, welcome!

Little children, welcome!
We, the Church of Jesus,
we will help your growing,
little children, welcome!

Little children, welcome!
God will make you happy,
Jesus save and keep you,
little children, welcome!

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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

"Go in Peace"

unison

mp
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

5
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways.

9
f
Cel - e - brate and share the joy! Cel - e - brate new life!

13
p
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways.

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SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17

Caitlin Oliver, *Liturgist*

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Dangerous Beauty of Holy Friendship”

Pastor Janet Maykus

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”
NCH #396

Where charity and love prevail,
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love,
By love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear
True charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength
Now love Christ in return.

Forgive we now each other’s faults
As we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown,
Let all contention cease;
Be Christ the glory that we seek,
Be ours Christ’s holy peace.

Words: *Ubi caritas*; tr. by Omer Westendorf, 1961, *alt.* Music: CHRISTIAN LOVE, CM; Paul Benoit. © 1960, World Library Publications, a division of GIA Publications, Inc. ©1995 *The New Century Hymnal*

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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.

-- 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

“Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise
Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit
ev - er - more; one God, tri - une, whom we a - dore. A - men.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.; Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, c. 1561.
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-- COMMUNION --

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Janet Maykus

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor Janet Maykus

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

"In the Breaking of the Bread"

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Janet Maykus

-- WE GO OUT TO SERVE --

*SENDING HYMN

“For the Weaving of Our Lives”

For the weav - ing that of our lives on the loom of
 For the thread that each of us all of - fers to the
 For the web that binds us all gen - tly in its

joy and grace, warp of love that holds our hearts,
 world's de - sign, fa - bric of a thou - sand hues,
 tang - led skein, ba - by's cry and pro - phet's call,

weft of faith we add each day: All cre - a - tion
 heart and hands we soul and mind: All cre - a - tion
 strands of peace and strands of pain: Dear cre - a - tion,

hears our song. We are wo - ven kind and strong.
 hears our prayer. as we weave a world of care.
 may that we yet re - pair your ta - pe - stry.

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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, May 5

- **11:15am-12:15pm - The Social Justice Team meeting IS the Adult Discussion Class** this week in Room 6. Results from the social justice survey will be reviewed and there will be planning for the rest of the year. Bring your passion, energy, and ideas! If you need a Zoom option, or are unable to make the meeting, please contact Katherine Griffin-Erickson, Social Justice Team Lead, at justice@uccaustin.com.
- **11:15am-12:15pm - Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting.** Contact Emily Jamison Guerrero for details.
- **5:30-7:30pm - Sunday Small Group - Cinco de Mayo Potluck.** The Sunday night small group will be wrapping up the spring session on May 5th with a Cinco de Mayo potluck, to celebrate a season of friendship and the victory of Mexico over France in the Battle of Puebla with shareable food! It doesn't even have to be Mexican food! Letty Tomlinson created a sign-up list so we don't all end up bringing chips and salsa! Please let her know what you plan to bring.

Tuesday, May 7

- **8am - Breakfast Fellowship.** All are welcome to join for breakfast and fellowship, weekly on Tuesday mornings. Contact Kenneth Dalley for details.
- **1pm - Tuesday Book Group** (*on Zoom, link provided in Friday's e-newsletter*). The current book is "Blessed Are the Women" by Claire K. McKeever-Burgett. This is a 10-week study that anyone is welcome to join at any time. Please contact Diane Baker for more information.
- **7-8pm - Bell Choir Practice.** Weekly practice of "anthem-style" music.

Wednesday, May 8

- **10am-12pm - Bethany Food Pantry.** 3507 E. 12th St., Austin 78721.

Thursday, May 9

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

Friday, May 10

- **9:30-11am - Not Ready For Prime Time Book Group** (*on Zoom, link in Friday's e-newsletter*). Monthly discussion on the group's current book, which can be found on the UCC website.
- **11:15am - Lunch Bunch.** Monthly meet-up for fellowship at different restaurants. Contact Kenneth Dalley for location.

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Sunday, May 12 - 🌸 Happy Mother's Day 🌸

Tuesday, May 14

- **8am - Breakfast Fellowship.** All are welcome to join for breakfast and fellowship, weekly on Tuesday mornings. Contact Kenneth Dalley for details.
- **1pm - Tuesday Book Group** (*on Zoom, link provided in Friday's e-newsletter*). The current book is "Blessed Are the Women" by Claire K. McKeever-Burgett. This is a 10-week study that anyone is welcome to join at any time. Please contact Diane Baker for more information.
- **6:30-8pm - Tuesday Small Group.**
- **7-8pm - Bell Choir Practice.** Weekly practice of "anthem-style" music.

Sunday, May 19

- **11:15am-12:15pm - Adult Discussion Class** in Room 6, led by Pastor Janet Maykus.
- **11:30am-1pm - Children's Ministry Volunteer Training** in Room 2. See Emily Jamison Guerrero for details.