

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Worship leads us to make commitments to God. If your response involves taking a first step to become a follower of Christ and/or a member of this church, fill out the First Steps card clipped to the pew back and place it in the offering plate.

### REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

In this prayerful time, you are invited to come forward to remember your Baptism in whatever way you choose: by simply dipping your fingers in the water, by scooping up water and letting it fall back into the bowl, or perhaps by using the water to mark the sign of the cross on your forehead, tracing the very mark that was placed on you in Baptism. You are welcome to kneel at the altar rail for prayer, or simply return to your seat. Let this be a time to remember the ways God is calling you to live as a follower of Jesus in every aspect of your life.

Hymn                      The Summons



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call  
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



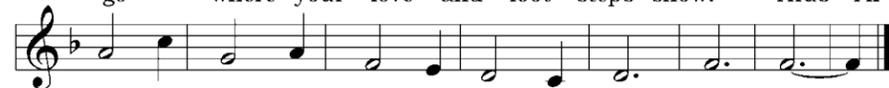
your name? Will you go where you don't know and  
your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and  
your name? Will you set the pris - oners free and  
your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be  
nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile  
nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er  
nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've  
nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, will you let my name be known, will you  
stare should your life at - tract or scare? Will you  
clean, and do such as this un - seen, and ad -  
found to re - shape the world a - round, through my  
go where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
mit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?  
move and live and grow in you and you in me.

### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Look at your hands, see the touch and the tenderness,  
**God's own for the world.**

Look at your feet, see the path and the direction,  
**God's own for the world.**

Look at your heart, see the fire and the love,  
**God's own for the world.**

Look at the cross, see God's Son and our Savior,  
**God's own for the world.**

This is God's world,  
**And we will serve God in it.**

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \* BENEDICTION

\* HYMN 585                      This Little Light of Mine

### CLOSING MUSIC

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher*  
Reverend Taylor Fuerst  
*Liturgists*  
Reverend Michael Mumme  
Reverend Cathy Stone  
Abbey Buchanan  
*Music Director/Organist*  
Scott Davis

### WORSHIP MUSIC

Blest Thou the Gifts

Words: Samuel Longfellow

Music: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM - *Grenoble Antiphoner*; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Summons

Words: John Bell

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Music: Traditional Scottish; arr. John Bell

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### Welcome

Because we believe that every human being is a beloved child of God, on a journey to God, with God, we welcome ALL persons, *without exception*, to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of this church. For a description of our worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays and at 6:30 a.m. on Thursdays, visit our website at [fumcaustin.org](http://fumcaustin.org).

### Family Room

For parents with infants and toddlers, our Family Room, located in the balcony, offers rockers, books, toys, and a comfortable place for diaper changes. Childcare provided by our well-trained childcare staff is also available in Room 103 and 104 of the Education Building. Please ask an usher for assistance.

### Sunday Parking

For mobility-impaired individuals as well as those needing close-in parking, reserved handicap and accessible parking spaces are designated by signage along the wall of the Trial Lawyers' building. All able-bodied members are asked to use the free parking in the Trial Lawyer's garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets, at open meters around the church, and on the roof top of the TSTA garage on 12th Street.

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# GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

*Asterisks (\*) indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*

## OPENING MUSIC

## GREETING

*All are invited to greet those around them and to sign in the white folders as a way of offering our presence to God.*

*Response:* I was glad when they said to me,  
**“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”**

Psalm 122:1

## ENTERING THE HOLY

**INTROIT** Blessed Jesus, At Your Word Liebster Jesu  
We Are Gathered Johann Rudolph Ahle

Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we are gathered all to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
and in glowing faith be near you  
as the promises here given  
draw us wholly up to heaven.

Radiance of God’s glory bright,  
Light of light from God proceeding,  
Jesus, send you blessed light;  
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,  
that our prayers and songs be pleasing,  
as with grateful hearts we praise you.

Tobias Clausnitzer, trans. Cathering Winkworth, alt.

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

In our baptism,  
God names us and gives our lives a purpose.  
**God has called us!**

Today, and every day,  
God is speaking our name with new possibilities.  
**We are listening!**

Let us worship the God  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us.  
**Let us worship God together!**

\* **HYMN 150** God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

## OPENING PRAYER

**ANTHEM** The Heavens Are Telling Joseph Haydn  
the Glory of God (The Creation)

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
with wonders of his work resound the firmament.  
Revealed are his ways by day unto day,  
by night that is gone, to following night.  
In every land is know the Word,  
every ear will harken, never tongue be dumb.

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:1-6 New Testament, page 182

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:5-12 Old Testament, page 636

**HYMN 454** Open My Eyes, That I May See  
*Stanzas 1 and 2, sung seated, as the children come forward.*

## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Back-to-School Blessing

**HYMN 454** Open My Eyes, That I May See  
*Stanza 3, sung seated, as the children return to their seats.*

## OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

**OFFERTORY** Lord, I Want a Heart Steve McCoy  
That Follows You  
*Bona Coogle*

Lord, I want a heart that follows only after you  
a heart that gives you praise.  
Lord, I want a heart that hears your voice,  
an undivided heart that will obey.  
Lord, I want a heart surrendered to exalt your name;  
a heart set free from pride.

Lord, I want a heart where you are great and I am small,  
let God be glorified.  
Give me a heart that only you can give,  
a heart where you can live through me your will divine.  
Give me a heart that will not turn aside  
completely crucified a heart that follows after thine.  
Lord, I want a heart where you are Lord,  
and I, your child, will have but one desire.  
Lord, I want a heart that never fails to seek my God,  
a heart that never tires.  
Lord, I want a heart that always hungers for your Word,  
a heart to thirst for more.  
Lord, I want a heart that holds the promise of you Word,  
a heart to follow you.  
Lord, I want a heart that breaks to sin against my God,  
my heart, O God, refine!  
Lord, I want a heart, for you, my God,  
I want a heart that follows after thine.

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## \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless  
thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours  
is the faith, the will, the thought; the  
rest, O God, is in thy hand.

Words: Samuel Longfellow

Music: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM - *Grenoble Antiphoner*; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

**SERMON** How Do I Follow God’s Call?