

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

We commune by intinction, i.e., by dipping the bread lightly in the cup. After you have communed, you may return directly to your seat or kneel at the rail for prayer and then return.

If you would like to be served in your seat, please let an usher know that, or ask someone sitting near you to communicate that to the servers.

Gluten-free wafers and cups are available at the left (north) side station. As you approach the servers, please indicate that you would like to receive a wafer.

COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

It is a United Methodist custom to receive a freewill love offering, over and above our regular giving, at the communion rail. Today, all gifts left on the rail will go to our missionary, Willie Berman, and Manos Juntas.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- 640 Take Our Bread
628 Eat This Bread
617 I Come With Joy

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gon-na live so God can use me
an-y - where, Lord, an - time!
I'm gon na live so God can use me
an-y - where, Lord, an-y - time!

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist

Reverend Michael Mumme

Nancy Arnold

Communion Servers

Nancy Arnold

Bert, Lara, Olivia, and Sean Greene

Libby Sykora

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

September 4, 2016
11:00 a.m.

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.

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

This Is the Hour of
Banquet and of Song

Sidney Watson

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, till prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

Horatius Bonar

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, praise God’s name;
proclaim God’s salvation day after day.
This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* **HYMN 578** God of Love and God of Power
During verse 4, children come forward.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Blessing of the Water

HYMN 611 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise Verses 1 and 2
Children return to their seats and the Weaver family comes forward.

LITURGY OF BAPTISM

See Insert

HYMN 611 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise Verses 3 and 4

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 4:5-17

Old Testament, page 436

SERMON

How Do I Spend My Time?

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In The United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome at the Lord’s Table. It does not matter whether you are a member of this or any church. We welcome all, regardless of age or understanding.

CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

Worship leads us to make commitments to God. All are called by God to give generously in response to God’s generosity and to support the work God is doing through the Church. 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.

OFFERTORY Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether,
for when humbly in thy name,
two or three are met together,
thou art in the midst of them.
Alleluia!
Touch we now thy garment’s hem.

As disciples used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father
break the bread and bless the cup:
Alleluia!
So now knit our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may true disciples be.
Alleluia!
We will serve thee faithfully.
Percy Dearmer

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise
God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise
Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly
Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN - *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

* GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever.
Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

After the bread is broken, this hymn is sung as the communion servers are served.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.