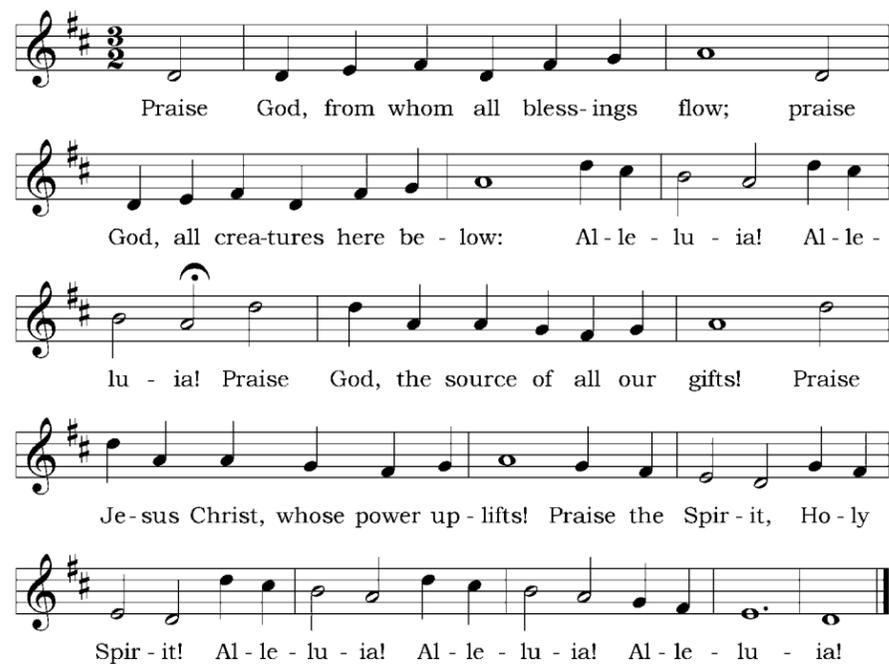


* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

As we sing the following, those with birthdays in October are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing.



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
God, all creatures here below: 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

* BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Let us pray:

God, our gracious Creator,

we give you thanks for the gift of life

to these who celebrate their birthdays in October.

Grant that they may make this new year in their lives

an offering that will enrich your world

and give you glory.

Cause them to grow in wisdom and grace

and strengthen their trust in your goodness

all the days of their lives; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, alt.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

Your Love, O God



1. Your love, O God, is broad like beach and mead-ow,
2. We long for free-dom where our tru-est be-ing
3. But there are walls that keep us all di-vid-ed;
4. O judge us, Lord, and in your judg-ment free us,



wide as the wind, and our e-ter-nal home.
is giv-en hope and cour-age to un-fold.
we fence each oth-er in with hate and war.
and set our feet in free-dom's o-pen space;



You leave us free to seek you or re-ject you,
We seek in free-dom space and scope for dream-ing,
Fear is the bricks and mor-tar of our pri-son,
take us as far as your com-pas-sion wan-ders



you give us room to an-swer "yes" or "no."
and look for ground where trees and plants can grow.
our pride of self, the pris-on coat we wear.
a-mong the chil-dren of the hu-man race.



Your love, O God, is broad like beach and mead-ow,



wide as the wind, and our e-ter-nal home.

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Music: FINLANDIA - Jean Sibelius

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Michael Mumme

Liturgists

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Reverend Cathy Stone

Bergan Casey

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis



September 25, 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

Morning Psalm

Sherrell Prebble

How beautiful the morning and the day;
my heart abounds with music,
my lips can only say:
how beautiful the morning and the day.
How merciful the workings of God’s grace,
arousing faith and action
my soul would never face
without God’s matchless mercy and grace.

Owen Baker

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said,
“I tell you this so that my joy may be in you...
Love one another as I have loved you...”

Jesus said,
“You are my friends if you do what I ask you...
Love one another as I have loved you...”

Jesus said,
“I have appointed you to go and bear fruit,
fruit that will last...
Love one another as I have loved you...”

As we gather in worship,
we know that Christ laid down his life for us.
**We are called to be a beloved community,
where we grow to love like God loves.**

* **HYMN 384** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM Sing to the Lord a Marvelous Song Tom Eggleston
Brad Heckler

Sing to the Lord a marvelous song,
a wonderful, glorious, jubilant song!
O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and holy arm
have won salvation for all!
When singers make music to the Lord,
his people proclaim his wondrous praise;
for Christ brings new songs of life
to all who call on his name!

Based on Psalm 98

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

New Testament, page 224

1 John 4:11-21

HYMN 560 Help Us Accept Each Other
Stanzas 1 and 2, sung seated, as the children come forward.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 560 Help Us Accept Each Other
Stanzas 3 and 4, sung seated, as the children return to their seats.

SERMON How Do I Love Others?

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

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. The next First Steps class will be Sunday, November 6, from 12:15 to 2:00 p.m.

OFFERTORY As the Lyre to the Singer

Alfred V. Fedak

As the lyre to the singer,
as one’s thought to spoken word,
as the rose to fragrant odor,
so to me is Christ the Lord.

As the mother to the baby,
as the traveler to his guide,
as the lake to streaming rainfall
stands the Savior by my side.

As the forest to the pine tree,
as its song is to the lark,
as the sky to soaring mountain,
as the candle in the dark,
as the meal is to the hungry,
as the water in the well,
as the lover is beloved,
in the love of Christ I dwell.

As the sun to gladdening dayspring,
as the oil is to the flame,
as the fish is to the water,
so to me is his dear name.

Bound to him and by him holden
as the flute and breath accord,
his for now, and his forever
is my soul to Christ the Lord.

Narayan Vaman Tilak, trans. from the Marathi by Nicol McNicol

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