

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow:  
for healing our diseases,  
for preserving us in temptation and danger,  
**thank you God.**

For the church into which we have been called:  
for the good news we receive by Word and sacrament,  
for our life together in the Lord,  
**we praise you, God.**

For your Holy spirit,  
who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love,  
who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship,  
**we praise you, God.**

For your Son Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and lives again for our salvation:  
for our hope in him,  
for the joy of serving him,  
**we thank and praise you, eternal God,  
for all your goodness to us.**  
Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.  
**God's love is everlasting. Amen.**

#### 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** Brethren We Have Met **HOLY MANNA**  
to Worship Arr. Cathy Mocklebust  
*Suzanne Barnard and Michael Carrillo*

#### \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now;  
use them your ho - ly pur-pose to ful - fill.  
To - kens of love and pledg-es they shall be  
that our whole life is of-fered un - to you;  
Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now.

Words: Albert F. Bayly, alt.  
Music: GENEVA 124 - *Genevan Psalter*

#### GOING OUT TO SERVE

#### \* BENEDICTION

\* HYMN 664 Sent Forth By God's Blessing

#### CLOSING MUSIC

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#### WORSHIP LEADERS

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



# Extravagant

# GENEROSITY

ESTABLISHED IN GRATITUDE

October 9, 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](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

As Those of Old English Folk Melody  
Their Firstfruits Brought Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

As those of old their firstfruits brought  
of vineyard, flock, and field to God,  
the giver of all good,  
the source of bounteous yield.  
A world in need now summons us  
to labor, love, and give,  
to make our life an offering  
to God that all may live.  
With gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best to you,  
not just to serve your cause,  
but share your love with neighbors too.  
The church of Christ is calling us  
to make that dream come true:  
a world redeemed by Christ-like love,  
all life in Christ made new.

Frank von Christierson, alt.

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#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God—worship God!  
**For God is great,  
and worth a thousand Hallelujahs.**  
God made the heavens—  
royal splendor radiates from God,  
a powerful beauty sets God apart.  
**Bravo, God, Bravo!**  
**Everyone join in the great shout: Encore!**  
**In awe before the beauty, in awe before the might.**  
Bring gifts and celebrate,  
bow before the beauty of God,  
everyone worship!

Adapted from Psalm 96

\* **HYMN 102** Now Thank We all Our God

### OPENING PRAYER

#### ANTHEM

Sing Praise to God

Mit freuden Zart  
Arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul he fills  
and every faithless murmur stills.  
To God all praise and glory.  
What God’s almighty power hath made  
his gracious mercy keepeth.  
By morning glow or evening shade  
his watchful eye never sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of his might,  
lo, all is just and all is right.  
To God all praise and glory.  
The Lord is never far away,  
but, through all grief distressing,  
an ever present help and stay,  
our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother’s tender hand  
he leads his own, his chosen band.  
To God all praise and glory.  
Thus all my toilsome way along  
I shall sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song  
my unwearied voice now raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, O my heart;  
both soul and body bear your part.  
To God all praise and glory. Amen.

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God, source of all light,  
by your Word give light to our lives. Amen.**

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 16:9-31

Old Testament, page 61

#### HYMN

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending See Insert  
*Stanzas 1 and 2, sung seated, as the children come forward.*

#### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### HYMN

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending See Insert  
*Stanza 3, sung seated, as the children return to their seats.*

#### SERMON

“Established in Gratitude”

#### VIDEO

“What Do You Love About First Church?”

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.  
**God’s love is everlasting.**  
Come, let us praise God joyfully.  
**We gratefully come to God with thanksgiving.**

For the good world:  
for things great and small, beautiful and awesome,  
for seen and unseen splendors,  
**thank you God.**

For human life:  
for talking and moving and thinking together,  
for common hopes and hardships  
shared from birth until our dying,  
**thank you God.**

For work to do and strength to work:  
for the comradeship of labor,  
for exchanges of good humor and encouragement,  
**thank you God.**

For marriage:  
for the mystery and joy of flesh made one,  
for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared,  
for secrets kept in love,  
**thank you God.**

For family:  
for living together and eating together,  
for family amusements and family pleasures,  
**thank you God.**

For children:  
for their energy and curiosity,  
for their brave play and startling frankness,  
for their sudden sympathies,  
**thank you God.**

For the young:  
for their high hopes,  
for their irreverence toward worn-out values,  
for their search for freedom,  
for their solemn vows,  
**thank you God.**

For growing up and growing old:  
for wisdom deepened by experience,  
for rest in leisure,  
for time made precious by its passing,  
**thank you God.**