

*** 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** We Are Called See Back Panel

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Tom and Robbie Ausley in celebration of Trevor Harper's and Davis Covin's marriage on October 15th.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
 Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgists
 Reverend Michael Mumme
 Reverend Cathy Stone
 Robbie Ausley
Music Director/Organist
 Scott Davis

WE ARE CALLED

Verses
 1. Come! Live in the light!
 2. Come! O - pen your heart!
 3. Sing! Sing a new song!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
 Show your mer - cy to all those in fear! We are
 Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will
 called to be light for the king - dom, to
 called to be hope for the hope - less so all
 reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

live in the free - dom of the cit - ty of God!
 ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!
 sis - ters and broth - ers u - ni - ted in love!

Refrain
 We are called to act with jus - tice,
 we are called to love ten - der - ly,
 we are called to serve one an - oth - er;
 to walk hum - bly with God!

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Extravagant
GENEROSITY
ROOTED IN LOVE
 October 16, 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 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.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

God has gathered us to this place,
**where we hear those stories which show us
what the kingdom of God is like.**

God summons us to this place,
**where we can learn how to serve our God
without reservation, or hesitation.**

God will send us from this place,
**to tell others of God’s hopes and dreams,
so they, too, can choose to follow God.**

* **HYMN 139** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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 Gius 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 READINGS

2 Corinthians 8:8-15 New Testament, page 172
John 13:34-35 New Testament, page 103

VIDEO “Who Has Made a Difference In Your Spiritual Life?”

SERMON “Rooted In Love”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

HYMN 408 The Gift of Love

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR MARRIAGE

Trevor and Davis,
as members of the family of First United Methodist Church
and participants in our shared ministry,
we celebrate that yesterday you united in marriage,
through the sharing of vows and exchange of rings
before a gathered congregation.

We celebrate the love you share for God,
the life you share together,
and the witness that your covenant relationship
will be to all those around you.

Though we grieve that you were unable to wed
in your own Sanctuary,
by the authority of your appointed pastors,
we claim with hope that God’s blessing knows no limits.

We come today with joy
to pray God’s richest blessings on your life together.

Let us pray:
Most gracious God,
we give you thanks for your tender love
in making us a covenant people
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Send your blessing upon Trevor and Davis,
that they may keep their marriage covenant,
and continue to grow in love and godliness together.

**Grant that their love for each other
may reflect the love of Christ for us
and grow from strength to strength
as they faithfully serve you in the world.**

Defend them from every enemy.

Lead them into all peace.

Let their love for each other
be a seal upon their hearts,
a mantle about their shoulders,
and a crown upon their heads.

**Bless them
in their work and in their companionship;
in their sleeping and in their waking;
in their joys and in their sorrows;
in their lives and in their deaths.**

Fill them and us with grace and strength
to be witnesses of your unending love
for all of your beloved children.

**Watch over them in the coming years,
and bring them to the feast of eternal life.**

All this we ask through Christ our Lord,
who taught us to pray, saying...

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 Voluntary on “AZMON”