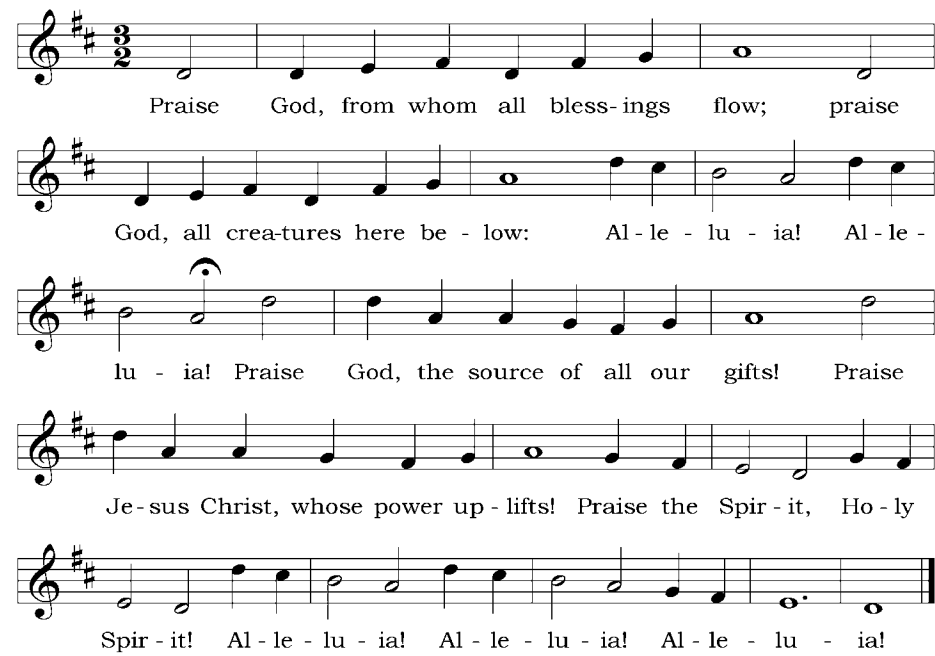


## \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
God, all creatures 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

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \* BENEDICTION

\* HYMN 580      Lead On, O King Eternal

CLOSING MUSIC    La Réjouissance      George Frideric Handel

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# Extravagant GENEROSITY

DRIVEN BY COMMITMENT  
October 30, 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 and at open meters around the church.

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

### *Preacher*

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

### *Liturgists*

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Terri Purdy

### *Music Director/Organist*

Scott Davis

### *Trumpets*

Bob Cannon

Nathaniel Mayfield

## GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

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

**OPENING MUSIC** Sonata in D Petronio Franceschini

### 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 Christerson, alt.

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### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all you people.  
**Praise him, all you heavenly hosts.**

Praise him for his mighty acts.  
**Praise him for his greatness.**

God calls us to be God’s people,  
**A royal priesthood and a holy nation,**  
to proclaim aloud the Lord’s name,  
**to tell all the world the wonders of God’s works.**

For God satisfies the thirsty,  
**and fills the hungry with good things.**

God takes care of the lowly and the poor.  
**God redeems the lives of those who call upon God’s name.**

Whom shall the Lord send to them, and who will go for us?  
**“Here am I, Lord! Send me!”**

\* **HYMN 89** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

### OPENING PRAYER

### FAITH IN ACTION

Mark Hamre

**ANTHEM** Come, O Come, Bohemian Brethren, Kirchengeseng  
Our Voices Raise Arr. Scott Davis

Come, O come, our voices raise,  
sounding God Almighty’s praise;  
hither bring in one consent  
heart, and voice and instrument.  
Alleluia!

Sound the trumpet, touch the lute,  
let no tongue nor string be mute,  
nor a voiceless creature found,  
that hath neither note nor sound.  
Alleluia!

Come ye all before God’s face,  
in this chorus take your place;  
and amid the mortal throng,  
be you masters of the song.  
Alleluia!

Let, in praise of God, the sound;  
run a never ending round,  
that our songs of praise may be  
everlasting, as is he.  
Alleluia!

So this huge wide orb we see  
shall one choir, one temple be;  
where in such a praiseful tone  
we will sing what he hath done.  
Alleluia!

Thus our song shall overclimb  
all the bounds of space and time;  
come, then, come our voices raise,  
sounding God Almighty’s praise.  
Alleluia!  
George Wither, alt.

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-4

Old Testament, page 9

**HYMN 87** What Gift Can We Bring  
Stanzas 1 and 2, sung seated, as the children come forward.

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**HYMN 87** What Gift Can We Bring  
Stanza 3, sung seated, as the children return to their seats.

**SERMON** Driven By Commitment

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### TIME OF COMMITMENT

All are invited to bring forward their commitment card as an offering to God. You will be guided toward the front by the ushers along the side aisles to drop your card in the basket in the center. You may kneel to pray as you make this commitment, offering yourself for God’s use in the coming year. Please return by the center aisle.

593 Here I am, Lord  
84 Thank You, Lord

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### 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** Lord of All Good Scott Davis  
Mario Contreras and Wendi Olinger

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now;  
use them your holy purpose to fulfill.  
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be  
that our whole life is offered to your will.  
We give our minds to understand your ways;  
hands, voices, eyes to serve your great design;  
hearts with the flame of your own love ablaze;  
thus for your glory all our powers combine.  
What shall I offer unto the Lord  
for all the benefits given to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation  
and will call on the name of the Lord.  
We will pay our vows to the Lord  
now in the presence of all God’s people,  
in the court’s of the Lord’s house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
God whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, for whom all life in fullness flows;  
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

Albert F. Bayly (stanzas 1, 2, and 3)

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Psalm 116:12-14, 17-19