



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 2, 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 www.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. This will allow our church parking lot to be used by visitors and those needing access to the handicap entrance and elevator on the north side of the Education Building.

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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

Pueblo de Dios (People of God)
Sung in Spanish

Basque Melody

People of God, people chosen,
consecrated to our God,
now sing the wonders he has done.

We glorify our God on high,
celebrate his gracious love.

Alleluia.

It is the Lord, he who feeds his people
on heavenly food, pours out his life
and makes us one.

Anonymous

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are all one family.

**We are all one family,
made in the image of God.**

Somos todos una familia. (*Spanish*)

**We are all one family,
all over the world.**

Мы все одна семья. (*Russian*)

**We are all one family,
each unique, each special.**

Sisi sote ni familia moja. (*Swahili*)

**We are all one family,
given gifts and talents to share.**

Wir sind alle eine Familie. (*German*)

**We are all one family,
on one journey of faith.**

* HYMN 547

O Church of God, United

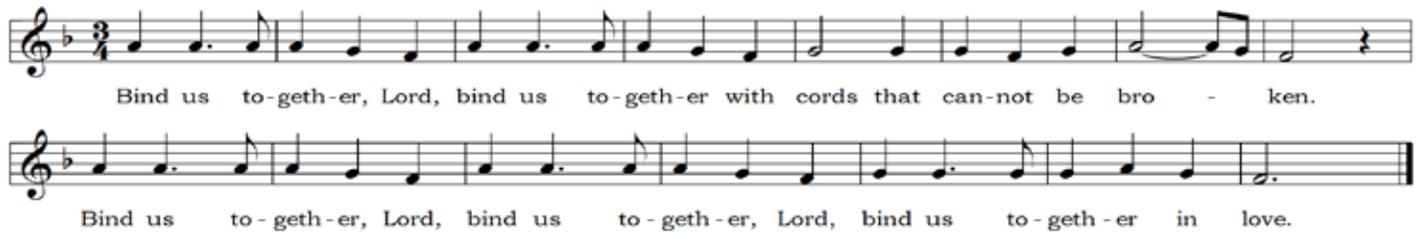
HEARING GOD'S WORD

A LITANY FOR PEACE AND UNITY

John 17:5-10

Almighty God,
as we come this morning to worship you,
we are reminded that you are the Lord of all that is,
the God of all peoples,
the savior of the whole world.
On this World Communion Sunday,
we lift our prayers to you for peace
among all people throughout the earth
and for unity in your worldwide church.

Refrain:



Bind us to-gether, Lord, bind us to-gether with cords that can-not be bro - ken.

Bind us to-gether, Lord, bind us to-gether, Lord, bind us to-gether in love.

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Creator God,
we give you thanks for calling us as stewards.
Open our eyes to the intricacies of creation.
Help us feel the textures of the world.
Unstop our ears that we may hear your Word.
Breathe into us the sweet aromas of life,
that we may taste the fruits of your promise even now.

Even now, O God, even in Africa.

Africa.
Where your church grows rapidly.
Where faith is exuberant.
Where a bright mosaic of culture
shows the world the vibrancy of your love.
But where there is also pain, and famine, and thirst.
Where violent unrest and ethnic strife
fill so many lives and resist the unity our Savior brings.

Help us to stand with those who suffer,
respond when we are called,
give in appropriate ways so that wells will not run dry,
creeping deserts may be slowed,
and the chains of despair may be removed.
Help us to bring the gospel,
that your realm may be realized, even now.

Even now, O God, even in Asia.

Asia.

So vast, so deeply rooted in tradition.

Where your church is small but where religion is great.

Gentle Asia, beautiful Asia, troubled Asia.

God of wisdom, teach us respect.

Help us to learn from those

who express their faith in different ways.

Deepen our understanding of tradition, serenity, and prayer.

Help us in this ancient land

to witness meaningfully to the saving power of your Son.

Refrain

John 17:11-19

Awaken us to systemic issues

 that increase despair and prolong poverty.

Guide us in responsible stewardship,

 that your reign may extend throughout the world, even now.

Even now, O God, even in the Middle East.

The Middle East.

The cradle of the church;

 the birthplace of our Lord;

 the land we call holy.

Where the pain of the cross is so vivid;

 where the dry earth is watered

 by the tears of its children.

Show us again that we cannot feed the hungry with threats.

We cannot quench thirst with religious intolerance.

We cannot build for the future on sands of hate.

Lift us above strife.

Infuse us with mutual respect,

 that the captives might be freed,

 that the frightened might be comforted.

Lift us, loving God,

 as you lifted the stone from your Son's tomb.

Make us joyous witnesses of his victory over death.

Show us your grace, even now.

Even now, O God, even in Europe.

Europe and its magnificent Christian heritage.

Where art, music, and architecture

 inspire generation upon generation

 with the beauty and the majesty of your gospel message.

Where the dramatic change in recent days

has brought poverty and violence,

displacing whole communities into a desperate present

and an uncertain future.

Where entire peoples have fallen away from faith in you.

Refrain

John 17:20-26

God of grace,
help us to believe and trust in your eternal promise.
Point us toward the pathway of peace.
Answer Jesus' prayer that all may be one in him, even now.

Even now, O God, even in Latin America.

Latin America.
Where your church struggles valiantly for the weak and poor.
Where martyrs are made.
In Latin America,
so rich in the bounties of creation,
so misused by outsiders.
In Latin America,
where we have made mistakes in your name
and brought a gospel soiled with our greed.
Your servants in Latin America have taught us by example.
Kindle within our hearts our own integrity of faith.
Inspire within us a new sense of your church.

Make us aware that through such commitment,
your peace and justice will be revealed,
not in some distant time and place,
but also right now, right here.

Here, O God, in North America, even here.

North America.
Where so much affluence hides so much poverty and disease.
North America,
the sometimes hollow land,
with so much to give.
Make us bold in your Spirit,
but humble in our work.
Help us share your grace in Word and deed.
Help us assume the servant's role as Jesus did.
Help us share our blessings as the Samaritan did.
Help us to put ourselves in others' shoes, sandals, boots,
and to walk in the footsteps of bare and calloused feet.

Here, O God, and throughout all the earth,
we trust in your abiding care.
We pledge ourselves to a deepened commitment
in your name. Amen.

Refrain

SERMON

They Might Be One

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Worship leads us to make commitments to God. 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.

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 situation in life.

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

OFFERTORY

Bread for the World

Bernadette Farrell

Bread for the world: a world of hunger.
Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.
May we who eat be bread for others.
May we who drink pour out our love.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the bread of life,
broken to reach and heal
the wounds of human pain.
Where we divide your people
you are waiting there on bended knee
to wash our feet with endless care.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the wine of peace,
poured into hearts once broken
and where dryness sleeps.
Where we are tired and weary
you are waiting there to be the way
which beckons us beyond despair.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you call us to your feast,
at which the rich and powerful
have become the least.
Where we survive on others
in our human greed you walk among us
begging for you every need.

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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 uplifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Lord God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You created for yourself a world filled with diversity,
blessed by your breath of life.
Rainbow colors bloom in spring,
summer breezes bring garden delight,
and now as Autumn comes our way
we see the work of your paintbrush upon every face and tree.

In mercy,
while we still held to the chains of our winter
of pride, self-righteousness, and historic egos,
you loved us steadfastly and delivered us as babes
to reflect the beauty and diversity of your grace,
to bring us into a community of love, hope, and peace.

And so,
with all your people on earth,
in every place where two or more are gathered in your name
and all the company of heaven who have gone before us,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and pow - er, Your
 2. In your name is com - ing the One whom we call bless - ed. Ho -

glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth. You are ho - ly, Lord!
 san - na in the high - - - est! You are ho - ly, Lord!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him

to preach good news to the poor,
 to proclaim release to the captives,
 and recovering of sight to the blind,
 to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
 and to announce that the time had come
 when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
 By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your church,
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
 and made with us a new covenant
 by water and the Spirit.

He prayed that we might be one as he is one with you, Father
 and he asked that we might be known
 by the love we have for one another.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
 he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
 gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
 gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Drink from this, all of you;
 this is my blood of the new covenant,
 poured out for you and for many
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it,
 in remembrance of me."

And so,
 in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice,
 in union with Christ's offering for us
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, is ris - en, and Christ will come in vic - t'ry. All
 glo - ry be to you, O Christ. You are ho - ly, Lord!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
 that we, together as a new creation and a new community around the globe,
 may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit help the body of Christ be one.
 Help the left hand and the right hand work as one in ministry to all the world.
 Help the eyes and the ears sense your present and coming kingdom.
 Bring the blessing of the diversity of the body to bear fruit
 until Christ comes in final victory
 and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
 Through your Son Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
 all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men to Fath - er, Son, and Spir - it. Our
 hearts know how to say to You, You are ho - ly, Lord!

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.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

We commune by intinction, i.e., by dipping the bread 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 the World Communion Offering and Refugee Services of Texas.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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One Bread, One Body

Hymn

Let Us Be Bread

Refrain



Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared, life for the world.

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Let us be wine, love free - ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord.____

D.C.



1. I am the bread of life, bro-ken for all. Eat now and hun-ger no more.____

D.C.



2. You are my friends if you keep my com - mands, no long - er ser - vants but friends.

D.C.



3. See how my peo-ple have noth-ing to eat. Give them the bread that is you.____

D.C.



4. As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love.____

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Hymn

Come Share the Lord

1. We gath - er here in Je - sus' name, his love is
 (3.) here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who
 (5.) soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the

burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame; for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther
 pours the cup is ris - en from the dead; the one we love the most is now our
 glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King; now we an - ti - ci - pate the feast for

Fine

makes us one:
 gra - cious host: } Come, take the bread; come, share the wine; come, share the Lord.
 which we wait:

2. No one is a stran - ger here, ev - ery - one be - longs; find - ing our for -
 4. We are now a fam - i - ly of which the Lord is head; though un - seen he

give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs. 3. He joins us
 meets us here in the break - ing of the bread. 5. We'll gath - er

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Lord God,

**in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people,
 we give ourselves to you.**

**Take us out to live as changed people,
 because we have shared the living bread
 and cannot remain the same.**

**Ask much of us, expect much from us,
 enable much by us, encourage many through us.**

So, Lord,

**may we live to your glory,
 both as inhabitants of earth
 and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*** BENEDICTION**

* HYMN

Sing a New World Into Being

1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.
 2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der, class and race.
 3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home,
 4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph - ets' cry

Find a tune for sil - ent year - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
 brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors. to God's lim - it - less em - brace;
 where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled in God's sha - lom;
 for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;

dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.
 where the lines that once di - vid - ed form in - stead the ties that bind.
 where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and ven - geance cease.
 when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve.

Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

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CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists: Reverend Michael Mumme, Reverend Cathy Stone, and Doise Miers

Communion Servers: Tim Deschner, Doise Miers, Henriette Iranyibuka, and Randy and Ann Teich

Music Director/Organist: Scott Davis