

OFFERTORY

Blest Are They

David Haas

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you, holy are you!

Yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, the lowly ones,
they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they, who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart,
they shall see God!

Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,

yours is the kingdom;

shine for all to see.

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise
God, all crea-tures 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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GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 440 Let There Be Light

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Michael Mumme

Liturgists

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Reverend Cathy Stone

Sally Watkins

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Associate Music Director

Wendi Olinger



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 29, 2017

11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Because we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, on a journey to God, with God, we welcome ALL people, *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 and at open meters around the church.

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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 fill out the Communication Card.

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 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now German Chorale

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with light divine,
and let your truth within us shine.
Unseal our lips to sing your praise
in endless hymns through all our days;
increase our faith and light our minds;
and set us free from doubt that blinds.
All glory to the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise throughout eternity!

Unknown, trans. Cathernine Winkworth

* CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, who do you come to worship?

We come to worship the one true God.

How will you worship?

Not with words alone,

but by living lives of justice and love.

Come, you who belong to God.

Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

**Come and abide in God’s tent and in God’s heart,
now and forever.**

Joanne Carlson Brown

* **HYMN** 102 Now Thank We All Our God

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Malcolm Archer

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep,
behold, he that keepeth Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper,
the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand.
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day,
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil,
yea, it is he, even he that shall keep thy soul.

Psalm 121

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All-wise God,
open our ears to hear
the words that challenge
and the words that bless.
As we read the scripture,
may your spirit of wisdom move in our midst.
For this we give you honor and thanks and praise.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Micah 6:1-8 Old Testament, page 820

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 New Testament, page 156

HYMN 465 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated, as the children come forward.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 465 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
Stanzas 3 and 4 sung seated, as the children return to their seats.

SERMON The Stumbling Block of Wisdom

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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, indicate your interest in “Church Membership/First Steps” on a Communication Card and place it in the offering plate.

CONFESSION

Far too often, O God,
we desire to look wise
in the eyes of the world.
We have not spoken truth with our hearts.
We have said and done hurtful things to our friends.
We have forgotten our true identity,
wandering into ways that are not yours.
We have lost the path of true worship,
focusing on form and words rather than deeds.
We have forgotten what true discipleship is.
And because of this, you have a quarrel with us.
Forgive us and help us live into becoming
the people you have created and called us to be:
people of justice and love and truth
and humility, and yes, even foolishness.
May we be fools for Christ,
embracing our true identity,
even in the face of the world’s scorn and derision.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has called us and blesses us
when we live God’s ways and not the world’s.
God’s love embraces us
even when we fall short of what God desires
for our lives and actions.
Know that the God of blessing
loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness.
And in so knowing, may our lives and souls
be transformed.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.
You are forgiven.
Glory to God!
Amen.