

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

We commune by intinction, i.e., by dipping the bread lightly 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 HYMNS

451 Be Thou My Vision
462 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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 our Christmas Eve Breakfast.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment,
this meal,
these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Send 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 440 Let There Be Light

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
Reverend Michael Mumme
Liturgists
Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Leonard Reese
Communion
Jerry and Merry Rightmer
Leonard Reese and Rebecca Yohe
Cantor
Michael Carrillo
Piano
Susannah Willms



**FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**
January 29, 2017
9:00 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.

ENTERING THE HOLY

* 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

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

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.

OFFERTORY Let Justice Roll Like a River

Marty Haugen

Let justice roll like a river,

and wash all oppression away;

come, O God, and take us,

move and shake us,

come now, and make us anew,

that we might live justly like you.

How long shall we wait, O God,

for the day of your mercy to dawn,

the day we beat our swords into plows,

when your peace reigns over the earth?

Hear this, all you who use the poor

in your thirst of power and riches;

the Lord will turn your laughter to tears,

on the wondrous Day of our God.

You have been told the way of life,

the way of justice and peace;

to act justly, to love gently,

and walk humbly with God.

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

The musical score is written for a single voice in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 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 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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