

OFFERTORY

Softly and Tenderly
Jesus Is Calling
Albert Garcia

Raymond Brown

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.
Come home, ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling O sinner come home!
Why do we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why do we linger and heed not his mercy,
mercy for you and for me?
Come home, ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling O sinner come home!
Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
passing from you and from me:
shadows are gathering, death beds are coming,
coming for you and for me.
Oh! for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me;
though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.
Come home, ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling O sinner come home!

Will L. Thompson

*** PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

Musical notation for the offering presentation with lyrics: 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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GOING OUT TO SERVE

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN** Give Thanks for Life

Musical notation for the hymn 'Give Thanks for Life' with four verses of lyrics: 1. Give thanks for life, the measure of our days, 2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light, 3. And for our own, our living and our dead, 4. Give thanks for hope, that, like the wheat, the grain...

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CLOSING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists
Reverend Michael Mumme
Reverend Cathy Stone
Patricia Rosenblad
Curt Shaw
Ben Thoma
Cindy Walter

Music Director/Organist
Scott Davis

Handbell Director
Shirley Derryberry



**SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**
February 12, 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 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN
Arr. Hart Morris

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sisters, brothers, siblings in Christ – arise!
Arise and lift your hearts
Arise and lift your eyes
Arise and lift your voices.

The living, moving Spirit of God
has called us together -
in witness, in celebration, in struggle.

Reach out toward each other.
Our God reaches out toward us!
Let us worship God!

* **HYMN 57** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM O Breath of Life George Mabry

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,
invest in us new life and power;
O Breath of Life, come cleanse, renew us,
fit your church to meet this hour.
O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
now humbly we confess our need:
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore us, this we plead.
O Breath of Love, come breathe within us,
changing thought and will and heart;
come Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.
O Heart of Christ, once broken for us,
there we find our strength and rest:
our broken contrite hearts now solace,
let your waiting church be blest.
Revive us Lord! Is zeal abating?
The harvest fields are vast and ripe;
revive us Lord, the world is waiting,
send your church to spread the light.

Bessie Porter Head

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-45

HYMN 351 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated, as the children come forward.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 351 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
Stanzas 3 and 4 sung seated, as the children return to their seats.

SERMON “Everything Happens for a Reason”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

O Lord, we hear you calling,
but we are bound in the grave-cloths of earthly expectations.

We believe in you,
but we listen to the world’s call and think we cannot follow.

We must study for the right degree,
apply for the right job,
buy the right house and furnish it just so;
we must, we must, we must.

All that seems true
until the day something terrible happens.

All that seems true
until we lose someone we love.

All that seems true
until we love someone we can’t be with.

All that seems true
until the body we relied on
to carry us from one place to another,
falls ill or stops working the way we think it always will.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,
for we are in pain.
We are ill.
We are dying.

Unbind us from expectations.
Give us strength to live through disappointments.
Grant us courage to overcome obstacles.
Fill us with your presence
and make us living carriers
of your love to others who need it.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,
for those we have named.
We speak those names.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,
for those we have not named,
the stories we cannot tell
and the woes we do not even know.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,
for the wider world,
for the people of Syria and throughout the middle east,
who have lived with war and violence on a daily basis,
for the people of Appalachia,
whose poverty and deep suffering goes unnoticed by most,
for the people of East Austin,
who can no longer afford their homes.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,
for ourselves.
We pray again in silence.

Unbind us.
Call us out of the caves in which we dwell.
Help us to roll away the stones for each other.
Bring us to new life,
we pray in the name of Jesus, the Ever Living,
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, indicate your interest in “Church Membership/First Steps” on a Communication Card and place it in the offering plate.