

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.

OFFERTORY And Can It Be that I Should Gain Thomas Campbell
Arr. Scott Davis

And can it be that I should gain
and intrest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain!
For me? who him to death pursued?
Amazing love!
How can it be that thou, my God,
shouldst die for me?
He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!
Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley

* 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 438 Forth In Thy Name, O Lord

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Beverly Silas

Music Director/Organist:

Scott Davis



**SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**
February 19, 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 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

SPANISH HYMN

Arr. Scott Davis

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Christian Henry Bateman

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, sing praises to God!
Rejoice in God's presence!
For this is our God:
a parent to the orphan,
and the defender of all who need protection;
the One in whom the lonely find a home,
and the prisoner finds release.

**Bless the Lord,
the God of our salvation,
who sustains and strengthens us,
day after day!**

Let's worship God together!

* HYMN 660 God Is Here

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

Everett Titcomb

Jesus! Name of wondrous love!
Name all other name above!
Unto which must every knee
bow in deep humility.
Jesus! Name decreed of old,
to the maiden mother told,
kneeling in her lowly cell,
by the angel Gabriel.
Jesus! Name of priceless worth
to the fallen sons of earth,
for the promise that it gave,
"Jesus shall his people save."

W. Walsham How

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, our guide,
set your path clearly before us
and lead us to follow you willingly
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 68
Philippians 2:4-13

Common English Bible
New Testament, page 185

HYMN

Servant Song

Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated, as the children come forward.



1., 6. Broth - er, sis - ter, let me serve you,
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney;
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing;
5. When we sing to God in heav - en,



let me be as Christ to you;
we're to - geth - er on this road.
in the night - time of your fear;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
we shall find such har - mo - ny,



pray that I may have the grace to
We are here to help each oth - er
I will hold my hand out to you,
I will share your joy and sor - row
born of all we've known to - geth - er



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN

Servant Song

Stanzas 3 and 4 sung seated, as the children return to their seats.

SERMON "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"

HYMN

Servant Song

Stanzas 5 and 6 sung seated.

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Loving God,
you share with us the care of creation,
and call each of us by name.
We remember that those who encountered Jesus
found acceptance, healing and the possibility of new life;
that the disciples, though imperfect human beings,
through prayer and touch helped others to find healing
in the power of your Holy Spirit.
And so, in the name of the Triune God, we pray...

Loving God,
we hold in your healing presence
those who suffer pain and ill health,
with their families, friends, and those who care for them:
May they know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God,
we hold in your healing presence
those who suffer in mind and spirit,
and all those who care for them:
May they know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God,
we hold in your healing presence
the suffering people of our world,
and the places where people are experiencing
division, injustice, and violence:
May they know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God,
we hold in your healing presence
those struggling to overcome addiction or abuse,
and those who support them:
May they know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God,
we hold in your healing presence and peace
those whose needs are not known to us,
and those whose names we do not know,
but who are known to you,
and for whom we have been asked to pray.
And we name in our hearts those who are close to us.
May they know the deep peace of Christ.

God of compassion and love,
we offer you all our suffering and pain.
Give us strength to bear our weakness,
healing when there is no cure,
peace in the midst of turmoil,
and love to fill the spaces in our lives.
Glory to God,
from whom all love flows,
glory to Jesus,
who showed his love through suffering,
and glory to the Holy Spirit,
who brings light to the darkest places.

As Jesus taught us we pray....