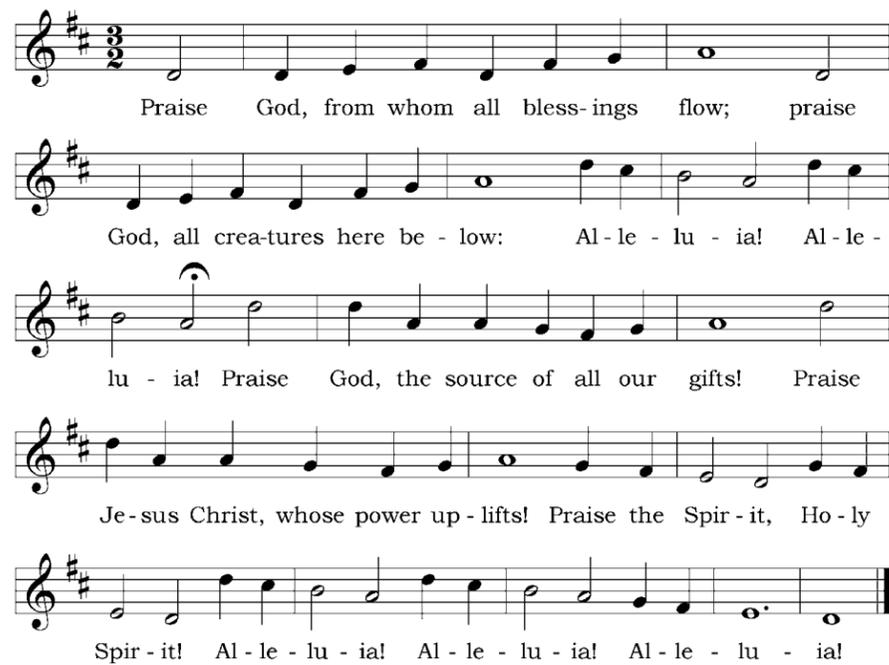


## \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



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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## 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.*

## \* 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.**

## BREAKING THE BREAD

### 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

614 For the Bread Which You Have Broken  
347 Spirit Song

### 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 Shelter Ministries.*

### PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God,  
we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery,  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world,  
in the power of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \* BENEDICTION

\* HYMN 121 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

### CLOSING MUSIC

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher:* Reverend Taylor Fuerst  
*Liturgists:* Reverend Michael Mumme and Alan Stephens  
*Communion:* Peggy Davis, Bill and Shirley Derryberry, and Alan Stephens  
*Cantor:* Michael Carrillo  
*Piano:* Susannah Willms  
*Violin:* Evelyn Gullatt



**FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
February 5, 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](http://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

Only the hungry search for bread.

Only the thirsty look for water.

**This is a place**

**for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.**

Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.

Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

**This is a place**

**for those who ache and yearn for something more.**

So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst,

our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,

**and let the God of life satisfy our souls.**

### \* HYMN

Gather Us In

See Insert

### OPENING PRAYER

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God,

give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts,

that we may receive what you have revealed,

and do what you have commanded.

Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-9

Old Testament, page 650

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

New Testament, page 162

### SERMON

“God Won’t Give You  
More Than You Can Handle”

## 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

We have been baptized and share the Lord’s Supper,

but know this —

we are called to live the grace we have received.

Let us confess the sin and inconsistency of our lives saying:

**Lord, have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

When we separate worship and world,

practicing religion but not loving our neighbor,

**Lord, have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

When we are driven by desire for money, sex, and power,

**Lord, have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

When we are blind to your grace and dead to your love,

**Lord, have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

When we love the wrong things,

**Lord, have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

When we cling to our thoughts and ways refusing yours,

**Lord, have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

Where our pattern has been to take, abuse, and hide,

restore us to your pattern of taking, blessing, and giving.

**Lord, have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

When we are tested by temptation,

**Lord, have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

*A time of silence for prayer and letting go of sin.*

### 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

We Come to Your Feast

Michael Joncas

We place upon your table

a gleaming cloth of white:

the weaving of our stories,

the fabric of our lives;

the dreams of those before us,

the ancient hopeful cries,

the promise of our future:

our needing and our nurture

lie here before our eyes.

We place upon your table

a humble loaf of bread:

the gift of field and hillside,

the grain by which we’re fed;

we come to taste the presence

of him on whom we feed,

to strengthen and connect us,

to challenge and correct us,

to love in word and deed.

We come to your feast,

we come to your feast:

the young and the old,

the frightened, the bold,

the greatest and the least.

We come to your feast,

we come to your feast

with the fruit of our lands

and the work of our hands,

we come to your feast.

We place upon your table

a simple cup of wine:

the fruit of human labor,

the gift of sun and vine;

we come taste the presence

of him we claim as Lord,

his dying and his living,

his leading and his giving,

his love in cup outpoured.

We gather ‘round your table,

we pause within our quest,

we stand beside our neighbors,

we name the stranger “guest.”

The feast is spread before us;

you bid us come and dine:

in blessing we’ll uncover,

in sharing we’ll discover

your substance and your sign.

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