

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless
thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours
is the faith, the will, the thought; the
rest, O God, is in thy hand.

Words: Samuel Longfellow

Music: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM - *Grenoble Antiphoner*; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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.**

GIVING 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

Hymn	Blest Are They	See Insert
402	Lord, I Want to Be a Christian	
628	Eat This Bread	

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 the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

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,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 427 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Ann Fields

Communion

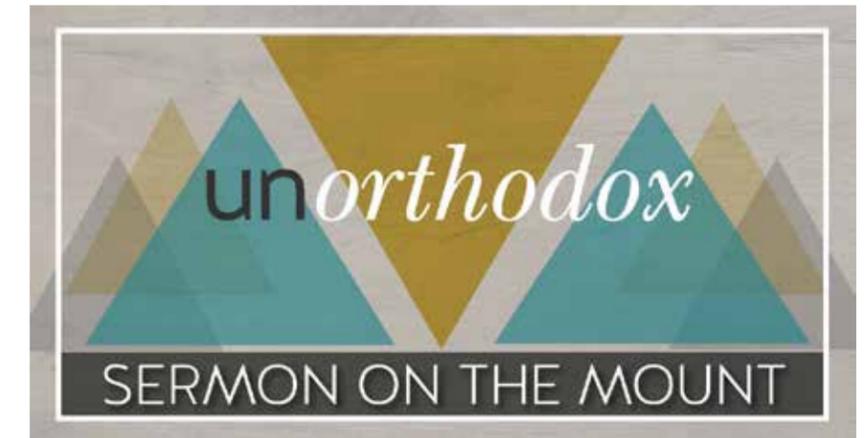
Ed and Jan Berger

Ann Fields and Libby Sykora

Daviss King

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 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

Eternal Lord of Love

Martin Herbst/
William Henry Monk

Eternal Lord of love,
behold your Church walking once more
the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day,
by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here -
the goal of all desire.

So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.

Thomas H. Cain

* CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God,
on this wilderness journey through Lent,
what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God,
in this time of temptation,
how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God,
at this kingdom crossroad,
whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God alone.
Come, Let us worship the Lord!

* **HYMN** Jesus Come! For We Invite You

See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR MARRIAGE

Kim and Riley,
as members of the family of First United Methodist Church
and participants in our shared ministry,
we celebrate that recently you united in marriage,
through the sharing of vows and exchange of rings
before a gathered congregation.

We celebrate the love you share for God,
the life you share together,
and the witness that your covenant relationship
will be to all those around you.

Though we grieve that you were unable to wed
in your own Sanctuary,
by the authority of your appointed pastors,
we claim with hope that God’s blessing knows no limits.
We come today with joy
to pray God’s richest blessings on your life together.

Let us pray:

Most gracious God,
we give you thanks for your tender love
in making us a covenant people
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Send your blessing upon Kim and Riley,
that they may keep their marriage covenant,
and continue to grow in love and godliness together.

**Grant that their love for each other
may reflect the love of Christ for us
and grow from strength to strength
as they faithfully serve you in the world.**

Defend them from every enemy.

Lead them into all peace.

Let their love for each other
be a seal upon their hearts,
a mantle about their shoulders,
and a crown upon their heads.

**Bless them
in their work and in their companionship;
in their sleeping and in their waking;
in their joys and in their sorrows;
in their lives and in their deaths.**

Fill them and us with grace and strength
to be witnesses of your unending love
for all of your beloved children.

**Watch over them in the coming years,
and bring them to the feast of eternal life.**

**All this we ask through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

New Testament, page 4

SERMON

#blessed

RESPONDING IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining the church, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. To sign up, fill out the Communication Card during worship and place it in the offering plate. The next First Steps Class is Sunday, March 26, at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

CONFESSION

**Holy One,
we come before You confessing
that we have taken more than our share.
We have wanted to have everything we need in life
and have missed seeing the needs of our neighbors.
We have worked hard to get where we are
and have failed to see that You gave Your life for us,
and ask us to live our lives for others.
Forgive us for putting ourselves first
over the needs of others.
Help us to seek to serve You in all that we do,
by serving our neighbors.
In the name of Christ,
who came not to be served but to serve,
we pray.
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Blessed are you,
for you are God’s child.
God loves you.
God desires the best for you.
Give of your best
by loving your neighbors as yourselves.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.
**In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.
Glory to God.
Amen.**

OFFERING Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God Michael Bedford

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
O cast me not away from thy presence,
and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of thy salvation,
and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Psalm 51: 10-12