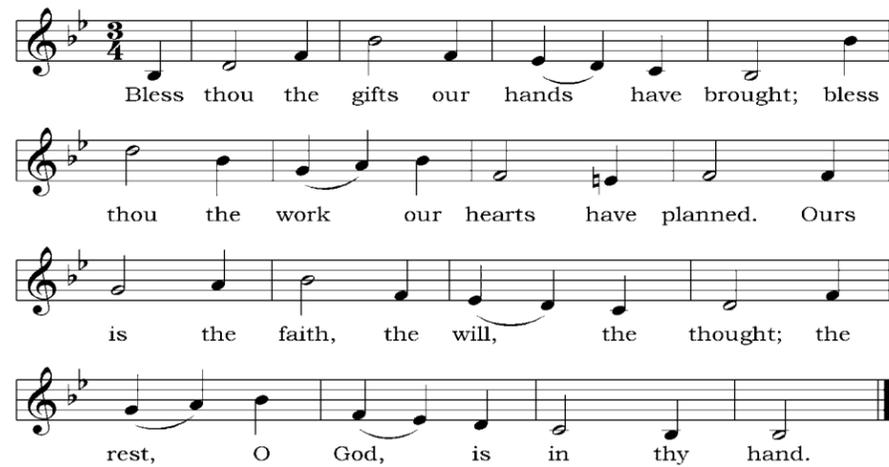


* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



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	All Who Hunger	See Insert
256	We Would See 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 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

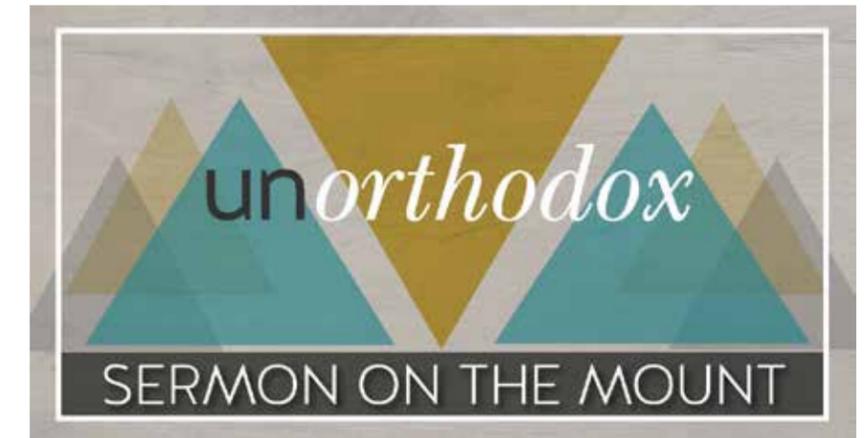
* HYMN	Bring Forth the Kingdom	See Insert
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CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgists: Reverend Michael Mumme and Glenn Karisch
Communion: Peggy Davis, Teresa Edwards, and Glenn and Suzanne Karisch
Musicians: Michael Carrillo, *Cantor*; Evelyn Gullatt, *Violin*;
and Susannah Willms, *Piano*



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 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.

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,
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 145 Morning Has Broken

OPENING PRAYER

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

Blest Are They

David Haas

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones,
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
they shall see God!

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see.

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

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