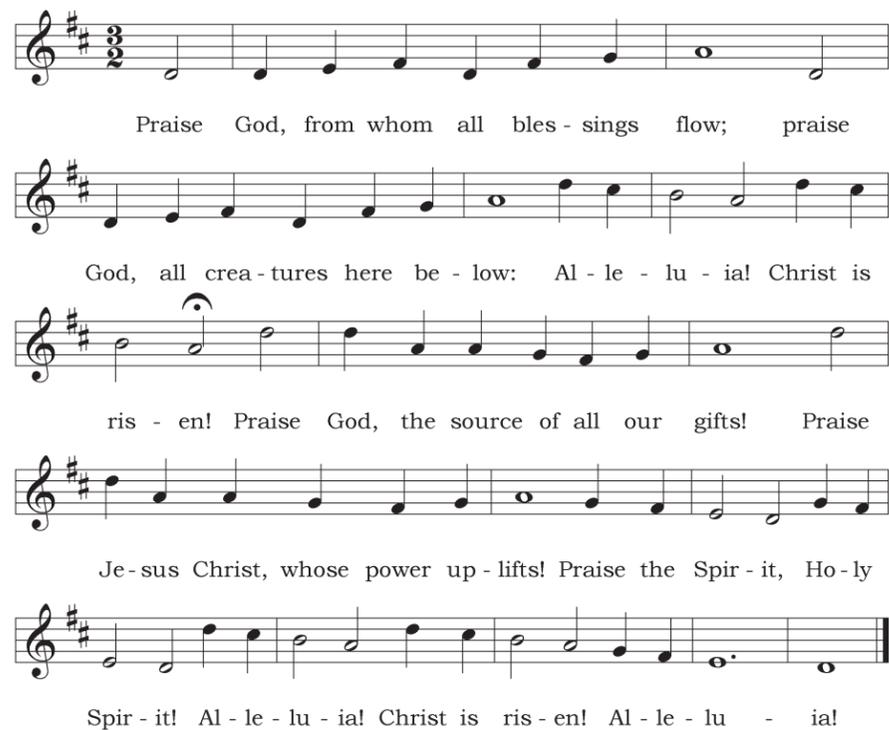


* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

As we sing the following, those with birthdays in April are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing.



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise
God, all crea - tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is
ris - en! 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! Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN - Geistliche Kirchengesänge; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

* BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Let us pray:

God, our gracious Creator,

we give you thanks for the gift of life

to these who celebrate their birthdays in April.

Grant that they may make this new year in their lives

an offering that will enrich your world

and give you glory.

Cause them to grow in wisdom and grace

and strengthen their trust in your goodness

all the days of their lives; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, alt.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 318

Christ Is Alive

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar by Erin Scarth in honor of her husband, Justin, on his birthday.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Cathy Stone

Kathy Tullos

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Harp

Elaine Barber

SERMON SERIES: A God of Second Chances

We all need a second chance sometimes. Maybe you didn't notice God right in front of you. Maybe you have done wrong and need forgiveness. Maybe you have been burned or you think you have got nothing left to offer. During this season after Easter, we are hearing stories of a God who will stop at nothing to be in relationship with us, and to offer us new life again and again. So whether you are in need of a second chance or a seventeenth chance, come and hear of the relentless love God has for all.

May 7

Reverend Taylor Fuerst, *preacher*

Forgiven Again...Already

Luke 7:36-8:3

May 14

Reverend Taylor Fuerst, *preacher*

God's Not Done With You Yet

Genesis 18:1-15

May 21

Reverend Taylor Fuerst, *preacher*

A Second Chance for Haters

Acts 9:1-20

May 28

Reverend Cathy Stone, *preacher*

When Life Lets You Down

Ruth 1:1-18



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 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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