

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.

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 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 FreeStore Austin.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn	All Who Hunger	See Insert
347	Spirit Song	
164	Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life	
629	You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	

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 strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 378

Amazing Grace

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgists
Reverend Cathy Stone
Trevor Harper
Communion
Davis Covin and Trevor Harper
Ron and Felicia Dodd
Pepper Huffman
Kathleen Jones
Music Director/Organist
Scott Davis

COMMUNION MUSIC

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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 14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reverend Taylor Fuerst, *preacher*
God's Not Done With You Yet
Genesis 18:1-15

May 21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reverend Taylor Fuerst, *preacher*
A Second Chance for Haters
Acts 9:1-20

May 28

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Reverend Cathy Stone, *preacher*
When Life Lets You Down
Ruth 1:1-18

June 4

Pentecost Sunday

Reverend Taylor Fuerst, *preacher*
Was This Really a Good Idea, God?
Acts 2:1-21 and John 20:19-23



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 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

This is the Hour of
Banquet and of Song

Sidney Watson

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.
Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Horatius Bonner

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who are sinners searching for wholeness.
Come, you who need a second chance.
Come, you who cannot save yourselves.
God has done what we could not do.
God the life-giver has kept the law for us;
God the self-giver has taken up the cross for us;
God the love-giver renews our souls.
Alleluia!
Come, let us worship the triune God.

* HYMN

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

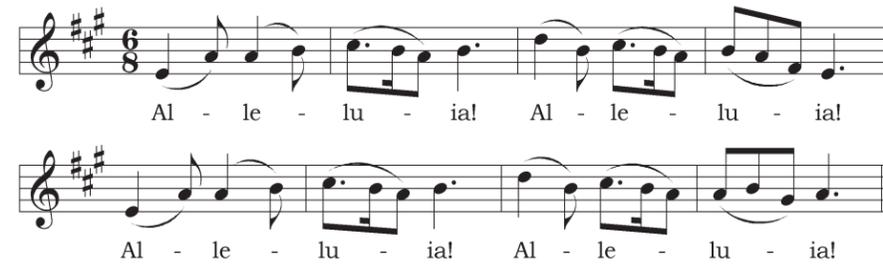
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OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

* THE ALLELUIA



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* GOSPEL READING Luke 7:36-8:3

New Testament, page 63

SERMON

Forgiven Again...Already

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
you know what kind of people we are.
We judge others harshly
and fail to see our own sin.
We look with suspicion and fear,
and neglect to show hospitality to strangers.
We treasure things that are worthless
and squander your precious gifts.
We withhold the grace and love
that you give us so freely.
Forgive us.
Pour out your grace upon us
to save us from our sin.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

I have been crucified with Christ;
and it is no longer I who live,
but Christ who lives in me!
The life we now live in the flesh
we live by faith in the Son of God
who loves us and gives himself for us.
Hear the good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

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, June 4, at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

OFFERING

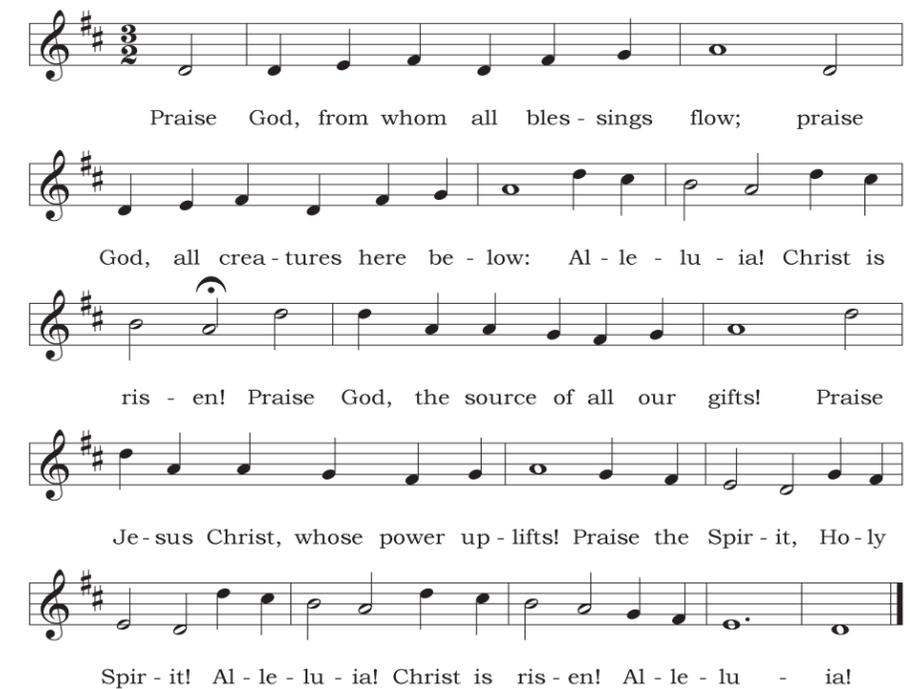
My Eternal King

Jane Marshall

My God, I love thee;
not because I hope for heaven thereby,
nor yet because who love thee not
must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me
upon the cross embrace;
for me didst bear the nails, the spear,
and manifold disgrace.
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ,
should I not love thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heaven
or of escaping hell;
not with the hope of gaining aught,
not seeking a reward;
but as thyself hast loved me,
O everloving Lord!
Even so I love thee, and will love,
and in thy praise will sing;
solely because thou art my God,
and my Eternal King!

Anon. 17th cent. Latin; trans. Rev. Edward Caswall

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



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FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert