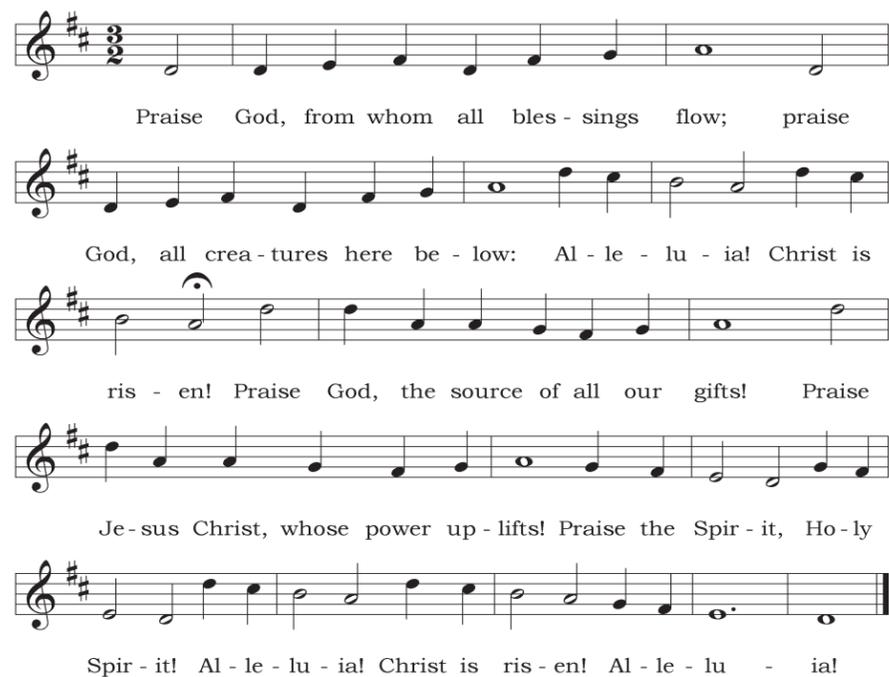


**OFFERING** Sonata No. 4: Adagio (HWV 731) George Frideric Handel  
*Lucy Hamre and Nathan Osborn, Violin*

**\* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

*As we sing the following, those with birthdays in May 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!

Words: Thomas Ken; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, alt.

Adapt. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

(All rights reserved. Used by permission OneLicense.net #A705700.)

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 May.**

**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**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* HYMN 670** Go Forth For God

**CLOSING MUSIC**

+ + +

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers are placed by Mary John Coats and Kristi Kevern in memory of Theresa Coats and Kendra Kevern.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

*Preacher*

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Liturgists*

Reverend Cathy Stone

Abby Buchanan

*Music Director/Organist*

Scott Davis

*Music Associate*

Wendi Olinger

*Music Makers*

Sallie Novinger

**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 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



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 14, 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](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.

**Making Disciples...Making a Difference**  
[www.fumcaustin.org](http://www.fumcaustin.org)

