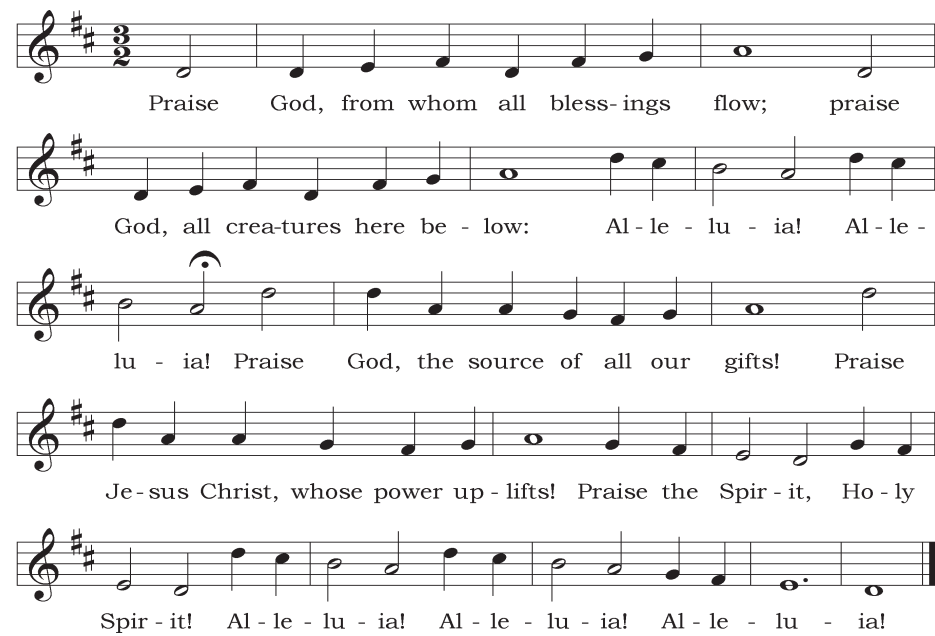


* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
God, all creatures here below: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! 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! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

COMMISSIONING OF REACH BEYOND MISSION TEAM

Pastor:

All of us who take upon ourselves the name of Christian
are called into ministries of love and service,
after the example of Christ,
who came not to be served, but to serve.
These persons before you have answered the call
to participate in Reach Beyond Mission.
They will serve with faith-based organizations in San Antonio
that are confronting poverty by working in the areas of
food justice, housing, education, and immigration.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
I commend them to your love and care.

*The members of the mission team kneel at the communion rail
as the pastor prays for them.*

Congregation:

**We rejoice to recognize you
as ambassadors of this congregation.
Through our prayers,
we will be united with you in your work.
May God richly bless your ministries
of justice and mercy.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENECTION

* HYMN 664 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by David B. Mauzy II in memory of
his parents, D. Bart Mauzy (February 20, 1929–July 16, 1967)
and Lee Mauzy (July 11, 1929–July 16, 1967).

FOYER FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Curt and Debbie Shaw in honor
of Rob and Leslie Ivey on their 18th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Cathy Stone

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Peyton Ivey

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

JULY WORSHIP

God made preachers with a variety of gifts and callings,
and voices uniquely tuned to help us hear God's word in
new and fresh ways! Come to worship in July, as we hear
God's Word proclaimed from a variety of voices, with a
different preacher each Sunday!

July 23

Reverend Michael Mumme

Executive Pastor

July 30

Reverend Brad Fuerst

Pastor of Lutheran Campus Ministry at UT and spouse of

Reverend Taylor Fuerst



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 16, 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 We Sing to You, O God John Darwall

We sing to you, O God,
the Rock who gave us birth,
let our rejoicing sing your name
in all the earth.
To you, O God,
let songs be raised,
in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.
O God, eternal God,
we hide within your wings,
the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.
Your word is true, your way is just,
you are the God in whom we trust.

Garcia Grindal

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

God's creation delights and astonishes.
Let the people pause and wonder!
God, the Creator, has made it all.
Let all creation shout and sing!
Alleluia!

* **HYMN 529** How Firm a Foundation

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM Hope of the World V. Earl Copes
Words: Hymn 178

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 New Testament, page 13

HYMN Let My Heart Be Good Soil
Sung first by the choir and then by all as the children come forward.

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
o - pen to the seed of your Word. Lord, let my heart be
good soil, where love can grow and peace is un - der - stood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 507 Through It All
Sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SERMON Seeds of Hope

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A time of silence follows each intercession.

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.

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, 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, September 10, at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

OFFERING All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded Herbert Howells
Words: Hymn 132