

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:  
in the upholding of human dignity and community;  
in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;  
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;  
in the abundance of God's gifts  
entrusted to us that all may have enough;  
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**Glory be to God on high;  
and on earth, peace.**

We confess our sin, individual and collective,  
by silence or action:  
through the violation of human dignity  
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;  
through the exploitation of people  
because of greed and indifference;  
through the misuse of power  
in personal, communal, national, and international life;  
through the search for security  
by those military and economic forces  
that threaten human existence;  
through the abuse of technology  
which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

**Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.**

We commit ourselves individually and as a community  
to the way of Christ:  
to take up the cross;  
to seek abundant life for all humanity;  
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;  
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,  
praying that God's kingdom may come.

**Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.  
Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

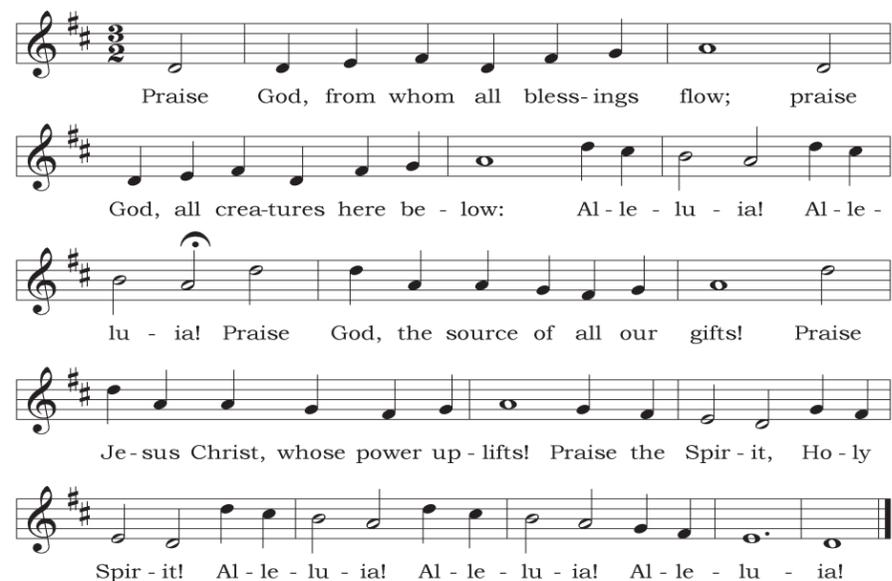
**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from 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** Fugue in G ("Gigue") Johann Sebastian Bach

### \* 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!  
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

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \* BENEDICTION

\* HYMN 694 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

### CLOSING MUSIC

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar by Injun Yu in memory of his mother, Bok Ju Kim.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher:* Reverend Michael Mumme  
*Liturgists:* Reverend Cathy Stone and Tom and Robbie Ausley  
*Music Director/Organist:* Scott Davis

### NEXT SUNDAY

Reverend Brad Fuerst, preaching  
*Pastor of Lutheran Campus Ministry at UT and spouse of Reverend Taylor Fuerst*



**SEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**  
July 23, 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.

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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!"

Psalms 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

The Lord knows each and every one of us  
and loves each one dearly.  
**Yet, sometimes it feels  
as though God has drifted away from us.**  
Be strong!  
Look for the ways in which God is present to you.  
**Given all the troubles of the day,  
we often look more closely at them.**  
Come, open your hearts and spirits  
to God's love and presence  
**Lord, help us to see your presence in all of life.  
Amen.**

### \* HYMN

Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,  
2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-t'ry,  
3. Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing,



now is the dark-ness van-ished a-way,  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
not is some heav-en, light-years a-way, but



see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,  
here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
now is the King-dom, now is the day.



Gath-er us in - the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in - the  
Gath-er us in - the rich and the haugh - ty, gath-er us in - the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-waken,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low-ly,  
make us your own; gath-er us in - all peo-ples to-gether,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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### OPENING PRAYER

### ANTHEM Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

Gaelic Melody

Come, O thou Traveler unknown,  
whom still I hold, but cannot see!  
My company before is gone,  
and I am left alone with thee.  
With thee all night I mean to stay,  
and wrestle till the break of day.  
Yield to me now, for I am weak,  
but confident in self-despair!  
Speak to my heart, in blessing speak,  
be conquered by my instant prayer.  
Speak, or thou never hence shalt move,  
and tell me if thy name is Love.  
'Tis Love! thou died for me,  
I hear thy whisper in my heart.  
The morning breaks, the shadows flee,  
pure Universal Love thou art.  
To me, to all, thy mercies move;  
thy nature and thy name is Love.

Charles Wesley

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 13:24-29

New Testament, page 13

John 15:1-8

New Testament, page 104

### HYMN 707

Hymn of Promise

Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### HYMN 707

Hymn of Promise

Stanza 3 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

### SERMON Wheat & Weeds - Vine & Branches

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### WORLD METHODIST SOCIAL AFFIRMATION

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;  
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,  
who died and rose again;  
and in the Holy Spirit,  
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.  
**We believe;  
God, help our unbelief.**