

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 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Calvin Hampton

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful
we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

Frederick William Faber

* 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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

COMMISSIONING OF VBS VOLUNTEERS

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 374 Standing on the Promises

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Brad Fuerst

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

Liturgists

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 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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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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CELEBRATION OF REAPPOINTMENT

Leader:

Dear friends,
today we welcome back our ministers,
Taylor Fuerst, Michael Mumme, and Cathy Stone,
who have been reappointed by our bishop,
the Reverend Robert Schnase,
to equip us as disciples of Jesus Christ.
Taylor and Michael, as ordained elders
you have been sent to us
to preach the Word,
to celebrate the Sacraments,
and to sustain the love, order, and discipleship
of this congregation.

Cathy, as an ordained deacon,
you have been sent to us
to preach the Word,
to teach and form disciples
and to exercise a ministry of service, compassion, and justice
that connects the congregation and the community.

Clergy:

Today we reaffirm this commitment
in the presence of this congregation.

Leader to Congregation:

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as a people committed to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts,
your service, and your witness,
will you who celebrate our shared calling
support and uphold Taylor, Michael, and Cathy
in these ministries?

Congregation:

**We affirm our commitment to support you
with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,
whose love has conquered death.
Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,
who leads us into life.
Let us worship the God of eternity!

* **HYMN 89** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
During stanza 4, children come forward.

CELEBRATING HOLY BAPTISM

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Blessing of the Water

HYMN 611 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
Stanzas 1 and 4 sung seated as children return to their seats.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

See Insert

Wilson Sealy Green
Son of Eric and Lane Green
Griffin Henry Gutierrez
Son of Anthony and Sarah Gutierrez

ANTHEM

A Jubilant Song

Allen Pote

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad,
let the heavens be filled with joy,
and a jubilant song.
Sing alleluia to the Lord!
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Shout his marvelous works among the people,
for great is the Lord,
and greatly to be praised.
Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were made,
or the land and the sea were born,
from age to age you are God,
and we pray for the coming of your kingdom.
We shall rejoice,
we shall be glad all the days of our lives.

Based on Psalm 90 and 96

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 8:26-39 New Testament, page 148

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 New Testament, page 13

SERMON

The Tie that Binds

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION