

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain;
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

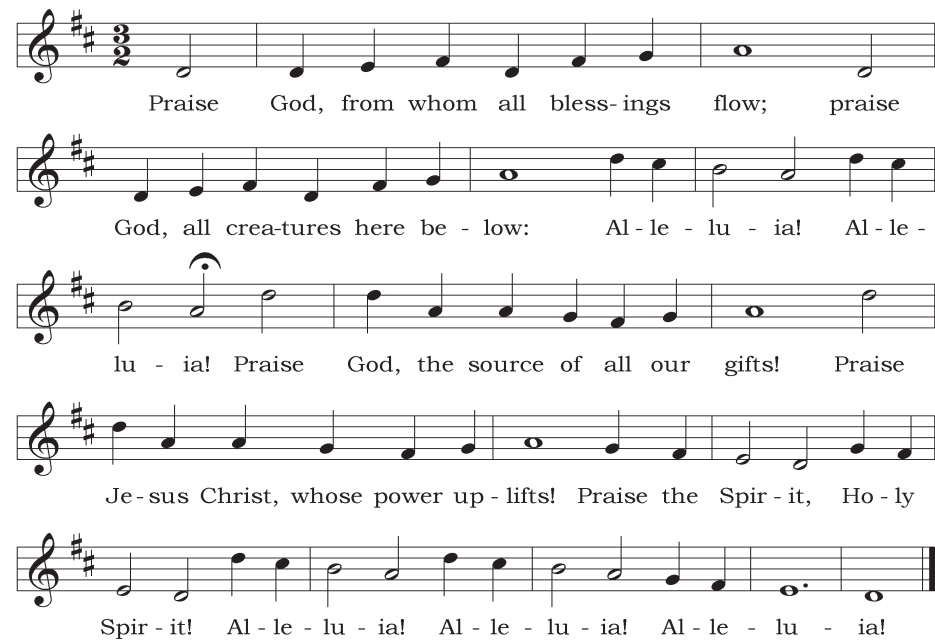
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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

As we sing the following, those with birthdays in August are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing.



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise
God, all crea-tures here be - low: 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

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 August.

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 730 O Day of God, Draw Nigh

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar by Tom and Robbie Ausley in appreciation of our 2017 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Team.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Michael Mumme

Liturgists

Reverend Cathy Stone

Sally Watkins

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 13, 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

Lord Jesus Christ, Cationale Germanicum
Be Present Now

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with light divine,
and let your truth within us shine.
Unseal our lips to sing your praise
in endless hymns through all our days;
increase our faith and light our minds;
and set us free from doubt that blinds.

Wilhelm II; trans. Catherine Winkworth

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord.
Give thanks for God’s goodness.
God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.
Save us, O Lord,
and gather us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name,
and glory in your praise.
Come and worship God!

* **HYMN 140** Great is Thy Faithfulness

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM

Christ Hath a Garden English Folk Song
Arr. Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around,
a paradise of fruitful ground,
chosen by love and fenced by grace
from out the world’s side wilderness.
Like trees of spice his servants stand,
there planted by his mighty hand;
by Eden’s gracious streams,
that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heaven and bear
their sweetest perfume through the air:
stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom
till the beloved Master come:
that he may come, and linger yet
among the trees that he hath set;
that he may evermore be seen
to walk amid the springing green.

Robert Bridges (after Isaac Watts)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 29:11-14 Old Testament, page 693
Philippians 4:4-9 New Testament, page 187

HYMN I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be -
3. Though none go with me, still I will



Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
fol - low, though none go with me, still I will



Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
fol - low, though none go with me, still I will



Je - sus, no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fore me, no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fol - low, no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

Words: Anonymous

Music: ASSAM - Anonymous; arr. by Eugene Thomas

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN I Have Decided to Follow Jesus See Insert

Stanza 3 sung seated as children return to their seats.

SERMON

The Road Taken

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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

O Christ the Same Irish Folk Song
Arr. John Barnard

O Christ the same, through all our story’s pages -
our love and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners,
sharing our inmost thoughts,
the secrets none can hide;
still as of old upon your body bearing
the marks of love in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven -
O Prince of life, in all your saving power;
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.