

COMMUNION HYMNS

162 Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

617 I Come With Joy

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

You have given yourself to us, O Lord.

Now we give ourselves for others.

You have raised us with Christ,
and made us a new people.

**As people of the resurrection,
we will serve you with joy.**

Your glory has filled our hearts.

Help us to glorify you with all our lives.

Amen.

* 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 April.

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 454 Open My Eyes

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar by Erin Scarth in honor of her husband, Justin, on his birthday.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Cathy Stone

Keith Albright

Communion

Keith and Meridith Albright

Glenn and Suzanne Karisch

Cantor

Michael Carrillo

Quartet

Michael Carrillo

Jan Morris

Linda Murdock

Dan Wood

Violin

Evelyn Gullatt

Piano

Susannah Willms

COMMUNION MUSIC

Words: Traditional, alt.

Music: EASTER HYMN - Lyra Davidica

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 7

Reverend Taylor Fuerst, *preacher*

Forgiven Again...Already

Luke 7:36-8:3

May 14

Reverend Taylor Fuerst, *preacher*

God's Not Done With You Yet

Genesis 18:1-15

May 21

Reverend Taylor Fuerst, *preacher*

A Second Chance for Haters

Acts 9:1-20

May 28

Reverend Cathy Stone, *preacher*

When Life Lets You Down

Ruth 1:1-18



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2017

9:00 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

ENTERING THE HOLY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Followers of Jesus,
by his cross
we are redeemed
from the futility of sin.

Alleluia!

By his rising
we are free
from the fear of death.

Alleluia!

By his love
we are made new
in the living and enduring Word of God.

Alleluia!

Thanks be to God!

* HYMN 318 Christ Is Alive

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God,
Jesus, our risen Lord,
was made known to the disciples
in the breaking of the bread.**

**Open the eyes of our hearts
that we may recognize his presence,
and with his disciples cry,
“The Lord has risen, indeed!”**

**Through Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

New Testament, page 85

SERMON

ICYMI
(In Case You Missed It)

RESPONDING IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining the church, 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, June 4, at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

OFFERING Amazing Grace Jack Schrader
Words: Hymn 378

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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.

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

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Josephine Wilson

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In The United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome at the Lord’s Table. It does not matter whether you are a member of this or any church. We welcome all, regardless of age or situation in life.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

We commune by intinction, i.e., by dipping the bread lightly in the cup. After you have communed, you may return directly to your seat or kneel at the rail for prayer and then return.

If you would like to be served in your seat, please let an usher know that, or ask someone sitting near you to communicate that to the servers.

Gluten-free wafers and cups are available at the left (north) side station. As you approach the servers, please indicate that you would like to receive a wafer.

COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

It is a United Methodist custom to receive a freewill love offering, over and above our regular giving, at the communion rail. Today, all gifts will go to our Feed My People Breakfast Program.