

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* 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 left on the rail will go to FreeStore Austin.

COMMUNION HYMN

616 Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery,
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world,
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 389

Freely, Freely

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgists
Reverend Cathy Stone
Whitney Thurman
Communion
Peggy Davis
Virginia McCarroll
Tucker and Whitney Thurman
Cantor
Michael Carrillo
Violin
Evelyn Gullatt
Piano
Susannah Willms

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 14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reverend Taylor Fuerst, *preacher*
God's Not Done With You Yet
Genesis 18:1-15

May 21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reverend Taylor Fuerst, *preacher*
A Second Chance for Haters
Acts 9:1-20

May 28

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Reverend Cathy Stone, *preacher*
When Life Lets You Down
Ruth 1:1-18

June 4

Pentecost Sunday

Reverend Taylor Fuerst, *preacher*
Was This Really a Good Idea, God?
Acts 2:1-21 and John 20:19-23



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 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

Come, you who are sinners searching for wholeness.

Come, you who need a second chance.

Come, you who cannot save yourselves.

God has done what we could not do.

God the life-giver has kept the law for us;

God the self-giver has taken up the cross for us;

God the love-giver renews our souls.

Alleluia!

Come, let us worship the triune God.

* HYMN There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness
2. For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure



of the sea; there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind; and the heart of the E-ter-nal



which is more than lib-er-ty. There is wel-come for the sin-ner,
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more sim-ple,



and more grac-es for the good! There is mer-cy
we should rest up-on God's word; and our lives would



with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
be il-lu-mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.

Words: Frederick W. Faber

Music: IN BABILONE - Traditional Dutch melody; arr. by Julius Roentgen

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

* **GOSPEL READING** Luke 7:36-8:3 New Testament, page 63

SERMON Forgiven Again...Already

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
you know what kind of people we are.

We judge others harshly
and fail to see our own sin.

We look with suspicion and fear,
and neglect to show hospitality to strangers.

We treasure things that are worthless
and squander your precious gifts.

We withhold the grace and love
that you give us so freely.

Forgive us.

Pour out your grace upon us
to save us from our sin.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

I have been crucified with Christ;
and it is no longer I who live,
but Christ who lives in me!

The life we now live in the flesh
we live by faith in the Son of God
who loves us and gives himself for us.

Hear the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

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

Take This Moment

John Bell

Take this moment, sign and space;
take my friends around;
here among us make the place
where your love is found.

Take the time to call my name;
take the time to mend;
who I am and what I've been
all I've failed to tend.

Take the tiredness of my days;
take my past regret;
letting your forgiveness touch
all I can't forget.

Take the little child in me
scared of growing old;
help me here to find my worth
made in Christ's own mould.

Take my talents, take my skills,
take what's yet to be;
let my life be yours, and yet
let it still be me.

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* 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!

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