

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* HYMN Sent Out In Jesus' Name



Sent out in Je- sus' name, our hands are rea- dy now to  
make the earth the place in which the king- dom comes. The  
an- gels can- not change a world of hurt and pain in-  
to a world of love, of jus- tice and of peace. The  
task is ours to do, to set it real- ly free. O  
help us to o- bey and car- ry out your will.

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Music: *ENVIADO* - Traditional Cuban, arranged by Carmen Pena

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### CLOSING MUSIC

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Bob Garrett and Tina Hester in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher:* Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Liturgists:* Reverend Cathy Stone and Beverly Silas

*Communion:* Peggy Davis, Beverly Silas, and Kevin and Catherine Waggoner

*Music Director/Organist*

Scott Davis

## 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 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



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 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](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

## ENTERING THE HOLY

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Where is God when fear unravels our communities?

**God leads us in the darkness through fear.**

Is anything impossible with God?

**God can transform the most violent heart.**

For what can we hope and pray?

**That scales fall from every eye**

**and we are able to see others with a Christ-like love.**

Let us worship,

that it may be so in our hearts.

### \* HYMN 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

### OPENING PRAYER

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-20

New Testament, page 120

### SERMON A Second Chance for Haters

## 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

### 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, alleluia!

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,

and the land and 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.

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.

Psalm 90 and 96, alt.

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

## 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 HYMNS

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I Come with Joy

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Freely, Freely

### 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.**