

## 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 Bring Forth the Kingdom



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:  
 2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:  
 3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:  
 4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King - dom of God! Share the fla - vor of  
 Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and  
 Bring forth the King - dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and  
 Bound for the King - dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King - dom of God!  
 bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King - dom of God!  
 seeds of jus - tice, grow in the King - dom of God!  
 love our home - land: Love is the King - dom of God!



*Refrain*  
 Bring forth the King - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



King - dom of peace; bring forth the King - dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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## CLOSING MUSIC

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

#### Preacher

Reverend Cathy Stone

#### Liturgist

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

#### Communion

Meridith Albright

Bryan, Suzanne, and Hart Black

#### Musicians

Jan Morris

Linda Murdock

Tom Richardson

Dan Wood

#### Cantor

Michael Carrillo

#### Piano

Susannah Willms

#### Violin

Evelyn Gullatt

### NEXT SUNDAY

June 4

*Pentecost Sunday*

Reverend Taylor Fuerst, *preacher*

Was This Really a Good Idea, God?

Acts 2:1-21 and John 20:19-23



## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 28, 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

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

**for all are welcome in God's house.**

Here in our worship, there is only acceptance,

**for love is the language of faith.**

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

**for God dwells in each of us.**

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012

\* **HYMN 660**                      God is Here                      Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

### OPENING PRAYER

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE**                      Ruth 1:1-22                      Old Testament, page 235

**SERMON**                      When Life Lets You Down

## 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**    O Love That Will Not Let Me Go    Elaine Hagenberg

O love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

O joy you seek me through the pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain,  
then morn shall tearless be.

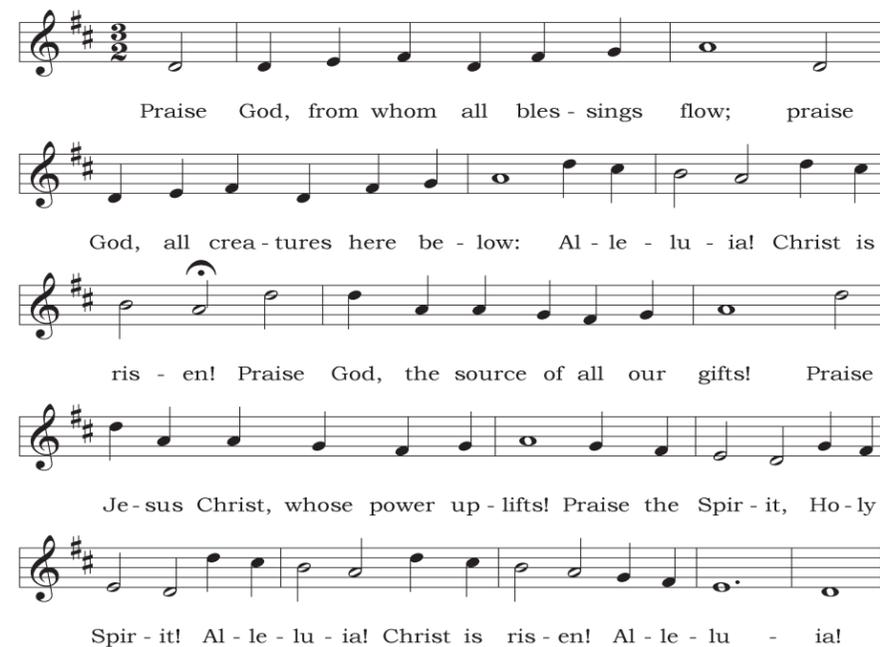
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George Matheson, alt.

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### \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Christ is  
risen! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise  
Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy  
Spirit! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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## 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

629                      You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

620                      One Bread One Body