

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 HYMN

617 I Come with Joy

629 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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. All gifts left on the rail will go to Mission Projects During Vacation Bible School.

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,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 374 Standing on the Promises

CLOSING MUSIC

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 30, 2017

9:00 a.m.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Brad Fuerst
*Pastor of Lutheran Campus Ministry at UT and
spouse of Reverend Taylor Fuerst*

Liturgists

Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Reverend Michael Mumme
Reverend Cathy Stone

Communion Servers

Kevin, Catherine, Thomas, and James Waggoner

Cantor

Michael Carrillo

Piano

Susannah Willms

Violin

Evelyn Gullatt

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

CELEBRATION OF REAPPOINTMENT

Leader:

Dear friends,
today we welcome back our ministers,
Taylor Fuerst, Michael Mumme, and Cathy Stone,
who have been reappointed by our bishop,
the Reverend Robert Schnase,
to equip us as disciples of Jesus Christ.
Taylor and Michael, as ordained elders
you have been sent to us
to preach the Word,
to celebrate the Sacraments,
and to sustain the love, order, and discipleship
of this congregation.
Cathy, as an ordained deacon,
you have been sent to us
to preach the Word,
to teach and form disciples
and to exercise a ministry of service, compassion, and justice
that connects the congregation and the community.

Clergy:

Today we reaffirm this commitment
in the presence of this congregation.

Leader to Congregation:

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as a people committed to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts,
your service, and your witness,
will you who celebrate our shared calling
support and uphold Taylor, Michael, and Cathy
in these ministries?

Congregation:

**We affirm our commitment to support you
with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,
whose love has conquered death.
Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,
who leads us into life.
Let us worship the God of eternity!

* HYMN 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 8:26-39 New Testament, page 148

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 New Testament, page 13

SERMON The Tie that Binds

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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 Seed, Scattered and Sown Dan Feiten

Seed, scattered and sown,
wheat, gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one,
the Living bread of God.

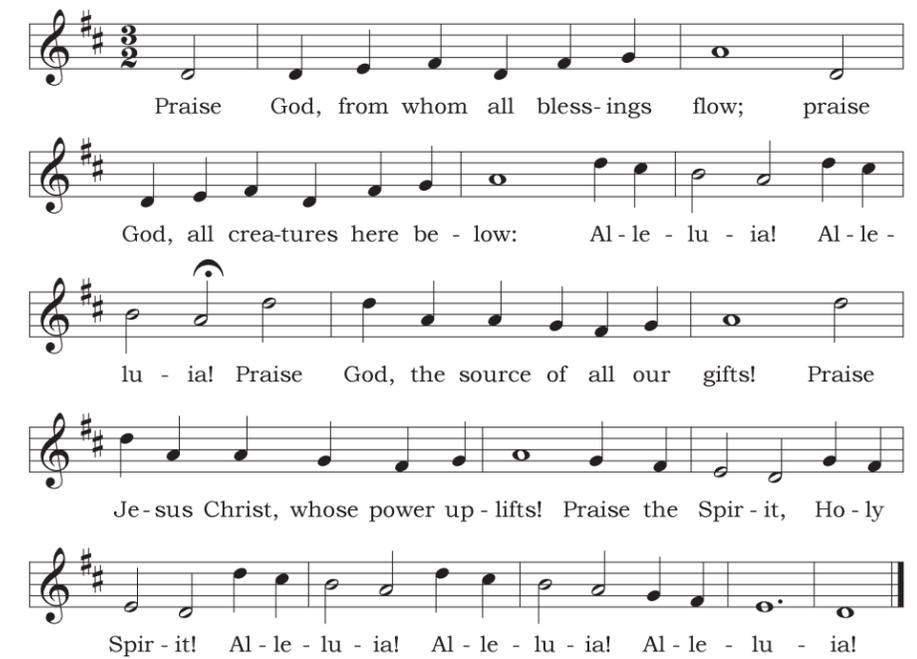
Vine, fruit of the land, wine,
work of our hands, one cup that is
shared by all; the Living Cup,
the Living Bread of God.

Is not the bread we break,
a sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless,
the blood of Christ outpoured?

The seed which falls on rock
will wither and will die,
the seed within good ground
will flower and have life.

As wheat upon the hills
was gathered and was grown,
so may the Church of God
be gathered into one.

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



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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FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

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.**