

## 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 our English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

617 I Come with Joy

431 Let There Be Peace on Earth

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

**you have put your life into our hands;  
now we put our lives into yours.**

**Take us,**

**renew and remake us.**

**What we have been is past;**

**what we shall be, through you,  
still awaits us.**

**Lead us on.**

**Take us with you.**

**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 August.**

**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 730 O Day of God, Draw Nigh

## CLOSING MUSIC

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar by Tom and Robbie Ausley in appreciation of our 2017 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Team.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher*

Reverend Michael Mumme

*Liturgists*

Reverend Cathy Stone

Cecily Wright

*Communion Servers*

Virginia McCarroll

Tucker and Whitney Thurman

Cecily Wright

*Music Director/Organist*

Scott Davis



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**TENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**  
August 13, 2017  
9:00 a.m.

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## 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

Praise the Lord.

Give thanks for God's goodness.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Happy are those who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times.

**Save us, O Lord,**

**and gather us from among the nations,**

**that we may give thanks to your holy name,**

**and glory in your praise.**

Come and worship God!

\* HYMN 140      Great is Thy Faithfulness

### OPENING PRAYER

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 29:11-14      Old Testament, page 693

Philippians 4:4-9      New Testament, page 187

### SERMON

The Road Taken

## 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

O Christ the Same

Irish Folk Song

Arr. John Barnard

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages -  
our love and hopes, our failures and our fears;  
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,  
unchanging still amid the passing years:  
O living Word, the source of all creation,  
who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;  
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,  
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners,  
sharing our inmost thoughts,  
the secrets none can hide;  
still as of old upon your body bearing  
the marks of love in triumph glorified:  
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven -  
O Prince of life, in all your saving power;  
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:  
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping  
our lives and loves, our days and years remain;  
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,  
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:  
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,  
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;  
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,  
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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### \* 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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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN - Geistliche Kirchengesänge; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams

## FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

### INVITATION

### THE STORY

### \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

### 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.*